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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Dec. 9, 1889.

ORDERED, that the report of the directors be signed, and together with the accompanying reports, transmitted to the city council, agreeably to the requirements of section 5th of the ordinance concerning the Public Library.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Secretary.

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JANITOR . . . . .	DANIEL P. DONNEL,

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FOR 1890.

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT.

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TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL OF NEWBURY-  
PORT :

GENTLEMEN—The directors of the Public Library submit to you their thirty-fourth annual report.

Early in the year, our esteemed librarian, Hiram A. Tenney, was suddenly removed from his office by death. The following resolutions, unanimously adopted by the board of directors, show the high regard in which he was held by those intimately associated with him in his work :

RESOLVED, that in the death of Hiram A. Tenney, for thirty-four years librarian of the Newburyport Public Library, the directors recognize the loss of a faithful public servant, an upright man, and a good citizen; and one whose long experience and intimate knowledge of the library had increased his usefulness with each successive year. We desire to put upon the records a testimonial of our esteem for his virtues, and our affection for him as a friend; and to his family we extend our cordial sympathy in their bereavement, by which they have lost a wise and affectionate father. Yet we feel that the fact that he was so long in the public service, annually re-elected to the office he held, is a more impressive memorial than any which we could formulate in words, or than could be expressed in phrases.

For the condition of the library we refer you to the report of Mr. Parsons, our present librarian. The suggestions which he

makes in regard to some changes in heating the library room call for immediate attention. And we refer again to the matter of additional protection against fires from without. If our library should be destroyed, it would be impossible to replace the large amount of historical matter which has been collected.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. TITCOMB,	}	Directors  of the Public Library.
MOSES BROWN,		
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Newburyport, November 30, 1889.



# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor of submitting to you my first annual report as librarian of the Public Library of Newburyport.

## INTRODUCTORY.

The previous annual report ended with November 26, 1888. Hardly had the new year opened when the honored librarian, of nearly thirty-five years' service, Mr. Hiram A. Tenney, was suddenly removed by death. At the regular meeting the last Monday in January the present librarian was chosen as his successor, and entered upon his duties February 1. Beginning work under the disadvantage of no previous practical experience in library management, shortly after my appointment, by vote of the board of directors, I visited some of the well known and successfully conducted public libraries of the State—those of Boston, Worcester, Lowell and Haverhill—at each of which I was cordially received by the librarians and other officers, and was accorded by them much valuable information and many practical suggestions. Since that time I have devoted considerable study to library economy as set forth in well known technical publications, notably the Library Journal—current and back volumes,—the valuable special report on the libraries of the country, compiled by the national board of education, and works on library classification and cataloging by Dewey, Cutter and others. At the same time I have endeavored to apply the information thus obtained to our own

library, and by close observation and study learn what defects, if any, detract from its otherwise general excellence.

#### NUMBER OF VOLUMES.

Before entering upon the above subject, however, I will give a summary of the present condition of the library as regards the number of books. The last annual report stated that the library contained 25,000 volumes. Since the close of the last library year 800 books have been added by purchase and 193 by donation, a total of 993. There have been withdrawn and condemned, by reason of their worn and tattered condition, 389 volumes, of which 34 were replaced from new purchases, leaving the total number of volumes at present in the library 25,604, a net increase of 604. (For a more detailed statement see appendix E.) Of the total number of volumes purchased 399, or almost exactly one-half, were added from the income of the Peabody fund, while their cost exceeded that of the balance by a large proportion. The character of these books, as in the past, is of the best grade of literature, and their value is generally of a permanent kind, an enduring monument to the memory of George Peabody.

#### DONATIONS.

The principal donation received during the year was a bequest of \$1000, from the late Abram Williams of Boston. A check for this sum and accrued income, amounting to \$1065.33, payable to the trustees of the library, was received early the present year. This was forwarded to the mayor and aldermen, trustees of the library, and the principal is now invested in the form of a city note, at 4 per cent. interest annually, the surplus having been expended in the purchase of new books.

Another large portrait in oil now adorns the walls of the Simpson annex, that of Col. Moses Titcomb, one of the pre-Revolutionary heroes of Newburyport, who participated in the French war at the siege and capture of Louisburg, and who subsequently gave his life to the colonies at the battle of Lake George. The portrait was the gift of Mr. Robert I. Frothingham, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and was received through Hon. Eben F. Stone.

The library is also indebted to the latter gentleman for a large number of valuable government publications, and the continuous issues of the "Official Records of the Rebellion" are received

from Washington, credited to him, the library being originally made a beneficiary at his request. Our present representative in congress, Hon. William Cogswell, has given the library every possible aid in securing government works. The chief signal officer of the army, Brig.-Gen. A. W. Greely, has caused to be sent all the publications of his department, and those of the commonwealth have been received from the office of the secretary. A set of "Cassell's Illustrated History of England" was given to the library by Mrs. Fred A. Nield, in fulfilment of a request by her late husband, and from various individuals donations of books, mementoes and relics, of greater or lesser value, have been received. (See appendix G.)

#### BACK NUMBERS OF MAGAZINES DESIRED.

Our periodical literature is very incomplete. Many of our sets of magazines, quarterlies and reviews begin with the establishment of the reading room, or later. Others are but partially filled, and hundreds of numbers are needed to complete sets. As the value of Poole's index to periodical literature becomes better known to the users of the library, and its no less valuable adjunct, the co-operative index, issued quarterly, the calls for works of this class for reference becomes greater. Ordinary books, as a rule, treat of subjects more in general than in detail, but it is hard to conceive of a subject, of however slight importance it seems at first sight, that has not been handled or discussed in the great collection of periodicals published during the present century. Early in the year the librarian made an appeal through the press for donations of bound or unbound numbers of any magazine. There have been some generous responses (see appendix G), but still there is a large gap to be filled. (See appendix H.)

The appeal is here renewed. Any magazine, bound or unbound, will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged, more especially any mentioned in appendix H.

I would suggest to the board that steps be taken whereby, as in every large library, sets of the more popular magazines may be provided for general circulation, aside from a regular set to be retained for reference. To this end it would be well that extra copies of Harpers', the Century, Scribner's and Lippincott's be purchased by the library from the Bradbury fund (which is unre-



stricted in its purposes), beginning with the coming year, to be retained for binding, and added to the sets kept for reference, while the copies from the reading room, always more or less injured, be bound for general distribution. If this is done, I think there will be no difficulty in procuring back numbers (of which a duplicate set of Harpers' is now practically complete) free of expense, and thus a large collection of valuable and popular literature will be added to the circulating department of the library, at a very small cost.

#### SYSTEM OF KEEPING ACCOUNTS.

Early in the year I was authorized by the directors to change the system of keeping borrowers' accounts. At that time we were, alone of all the libraries in New England so far as I have been able to learn, using the old-fashioned ledger system; that is, charging a book to an account on a ledger with a lead pencil when borrowed, and erasing the charge when the book was returned. It was left discretionary with me to select a system from the many in use, and the one finally adopted was the Boston Library bureau system, the principal feature of which is the sloping slip case. The method can better be explained orally than by a written report. Suffice it to say that it shows at a glance just what books from any alcove are in circulation, and who has each book. When a book becomes overdue, by a system of progression the slip on which it is charged arrives at a certain compartment. By the old system the ledger account of every borrower had to be examined. By preserving and arranging the slips, a record of the circulation in every department is obtained (see appendix F), even to the number of times each book has been taken out. The system has now been in operation three months, and the results are appended.

#### REGISTRATION.

A new registration was ordered by the board, and went into effect at the reopening of the library, in August. Authorities agree that a new registration should take place in public libraries at least as often as once in ten years, if not once in five. At this institution there had been but one registration since it was founded, and accordingly all accounts were cancelled and new ones opened. For the three months ending \*November 25, 1281 persons signed

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\*At the date of printing this report, March 5, the number is 1760.

the rules and regulations, the great majority of whom at once became active borrowers. The registration continues at the rate of about thirty a week, a large number of those registering having recently become citizens.

#### THE LIBRARY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Within the past few years a closer adaptation of the services the public library can render the public schools has been put in practice by various New England institutions, with the most unqualified success. School text books at the best are but rudimentary, and, under the guidance of teachers, from the material in a public library the student can be led to obtain a broader view of the subject in hand, a more complete information. The plan, it can hardly now be called an experiment, is now in operation in this city. Each teacher in a public school is allowed to draw at one time five books on topics connected with the studies in his or her department. The teachers are freely availing themselves, in many cases, of the opportunity thus presented, and its effects are seen in the increased number of solid books called for by the students themselves, on their own or parents' cards. It is not only of a present advantage to the students, but it is forming in them a habit of reading the best in literature in distinction from that apparent in so many young people, of not being satisfied with anything but fiction, and that the newest and latest, regardless of author, title or subject.

#### PRESERVATION OF BOOKS.

I desire to call the attention of the board to a very important subject, the preservation of the books now in the library. As stated above, there have been withdrawn and discarded, during the past ten months, 389 volumes, and the number is short of what should be withdrawn. While this is a larger quantity than was ever disposed of in any previous year, each and every book had become so mutilated by the loss of pages as to render it worthless. The large majority, almost the entire lot, were works of fiction; but even those we could ill afford to lose, although it would be hardly worth while to attempt to replace them. I believe that nearly all of these books would have been on the shelves intact today, had proper steps for their preservation been taken in season. When the threads break and the leaves are loosened



from the binding, it is very easy for a leaf, or even an entire fold, to be lost, and the book thus rendered worthless. They cannot be properly repaired at the library, in many cases, and should be sent to the bindery at once. In examining the reports of other libraries I find that about eleven dollars is expended annually for each 1000 books owned, in binding and rebinding. Applying the average obtained to this library, it would call for an expenditure of about \$285 a year, at present. The records show that the average bill for binding and rebinding of books belonging to this library, for the past ten years, not including the present, has been but \$86.30. The expense of binding our magazines and periodicals alone now amounts to nearly this sum.

The defective system of heating in use at this library is another source of destruction of books. The heat of the library room is derived from steam pipes running through the alcoves, and directly under the shelves, instead of by central radiators, as it should be. The books are thus virtually in an oven, exposed to a direct heat, ranging from 85° to 100°. The result will be that in a few years we shall have books by the score falling to pieces, the indications of which are already too plain.

#### NEED OF A NEW CATALOGUE.

The usefulness of the library is seriously curtailed by the lack of a convenient catalogue. It is now twelve years since the last one was compiled, in which time the number of books in the library has increased by nearly one-half. To look through a main catalogue, and then twelve supplements not arranged by subjects, is a labor too tedious and unsatisfactory. The only catalogue which is always current is a card catalogue, in which, by simply adding a card, the addition of a book to the library is shown, while the withdrawal of a book for any cause is followed by the removal of its corresponding card from the catalogue. The great objection usually urged, that such a catalogue can only be consulted at the library, has not much force, when one considers the small number of printed catalogues disposed of, even at cost price. If a new catalogue were printed, I doubt if 100 copies could be sold. The great bulk of those printed in 1878 are still packed away in the library, mere waste paper. Because of the cost only, I would not include the works of fiction in a card catalogue of the



library at first, as, for a comparatively small sum, finding-lists, or abridged catalogues, could be printed at frequent intervals, and sold without loss at ten or fifteen cents each. As over one-half the books taken from the library are works of this class, the difficulty would thereby be in a large measure solved. I am now engaged in compiling a fiction catalogue, estimates on the expense of printing which I shall submit later.

#### MORE HELP NEEDED.

The library force, as at present constituted, is inadequate to the performance of the duties expected of it. With 26,000 volumes, and a constantly increasing list of borrowers; with its value as a resort for consultation, and the solving of all sorts of questions which daily arise, becoming better known; with the valuable service it is beginning to render as auxiliary to the education and training furnished by the public schools, it is fast taking rank among the large public libraries of other New England cities, both in the number of volumes and the service it renders the public. Other libraries of its class find it necessary to employ from five to ten persons in their library rooms; and every institution, with but very few exceptions, so far as I can learn, is struggling to get along with insufficient means. Some of our most valuable literature is practically buried, because it has never been classified and catalogued. Such are the pamphlets, a large majority of which are devoted to local historical subjects, and the publications of the general government. A book described as a "government publication" is generally regarded as a collection of reports of dry debates, or agricultural statistics. In fact, this class includes exhaustive treatises on the various branches of natural science, and original research, to say nothing of contributions to social science and American history. As far as proving of any advantage now, most of these books might as well be out of the library as in it. One other matter which would take a good portion of the time of one person, is that of keeping the books in order on the shelves. As they are constantly being taken from and returned to the shelves they become disarranged, thrown out of position, and exposed to unusual strain and wear. This is where the services of a boy could be well utilized. A well ordered and arranged library can be more easily, economically and successfully con-

ducted than one in which there is less system ; and the longer the matter is deferred, the harder it is to overcome. With one regular assistant and a boy who has a grammar school education, and an extra assistant afternoons and four evenings a week, the library work could be properly carried on for some time to come. The estimated added expense for such increase the ensuing year would be \$250.

IN CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I would call the attention of the board to the tabulated information contained in the appendices, at the same time taking occasion to return my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy with which all my suggestions looking to changes or modifications in the administration of the library have been received by the board of directors ; and for the constant support I have received in our mutual endeavors that this library may rank with the best in New England, and become every day more and more valuable, even indispensable, to the men, women and children of Newburyport and Newbury.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.

# APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX A. — RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

### CREDITS.

City appropriation .....	\$1200 00	
Dog licenses.....	921 70	
Town of Newbury, proportion of expenses.....	150 00	
Fines and sale of catalogues.....	26 46	
	<hr/>	\$2298 16

### EXPENDITURES.

Salaries.....	\$1768 76	
Binding books.....	123 65	
Printing.....	99 92	
Incidental library expenses.....	78 62	
Library furniture....	55 00	
Library supplies.....	48 88	
Expressing .....	31 80	
Postage .....	7 56	
	<hr/>	\$2214 19
Balance unexpended .....		<hr/> <hr/> \$83 97

ALBERT C. TITCOMB, LAWRENCE B. CUSHING, BENJAMIN HALE.	} Committee on Accounts for the Directors.
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## APPENDIX B. — PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING FUND.

*To the Directors of the Public Library.*

Some years ago, as will be remembered, Newburyport stood greatly in need of a suitable Public Library building. Thereupon a number of the friends of the city, both native born and naturalized, all of whose names are on the records of the city, came forward and furnished sufficient means to justify the purchase and preparation of the present building, with the spacious grounds upon which it stands, of which the city may well feel proud.

In excess of the amount thus voluntarily and cheerfully given, there remained the sum of five thousand dollars, which was deposited in the Institution for Savings, the income whereof to be applied in keeping the library building in repair, and this for more than twenty-four years has been done without calling upon the city therefor; in addition to which the original sum of five thousand dollars still remains on deposit, and in addition thereto accumulated interest of \$304.39.

There has been expended during the year upon the library building in needed improvements the sum of \$243.25. The account of the treasurer has been regularly audited.

In connection with this account it may not be amiss to revive the recollection of the interest in the city as shown by the voluntary gifts for its benefit from those who love it. Considerably over \$100,000, with the principal and interest, has passed through the hands of the present treasurer and been expended by him, in conformity with the wish of the donors, upon the library itself and the library building.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, }  
SAMUEL J. SPALDING, } Trustees.  
DANIEL T. FISKE. }

Newburyport, Dec. 9, 1889.

## APPENDIX C.—THE PEABODY FUND.

Mr. George Peabody, when he placed in the hands of the present treasurer, more than twenty years ago, the sum of \$15,000, the income of which he designed should be used in the purchase of books for the Public Library of the city, requested that an annual statement should be published of the condition of the fund.

In compliance therewith the treasurer gives public notice that the principal remains in the Institution for Savings, where it was originally deposited, and from which it can be withdrawn only upon the order of a majority of the trustees of the fund.

Since the last report, a year ago, the income has been \$600. Three hundred and ninety-nine volumes have been added to the library, and there remains on hand at this present time of writing \$312 to be used in the purchase of books. It is proper to add that the treasurer's account has always been audited.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDW. S. MOSELEY,	} Trustees of the Peabody Fund.
E. F. STONE,	
WM. H. SWASEY,	
DANIEL T. FISKE,	
J. J. CURRIER.	

Newburyport, December 9, 1889.

APPENDIX D.—TRUST FUNDS, THE INCOMES OF WHICH ARE  
EXPENDED BY THE DIRECTORS.

In addition to the Peabody, Todd and building funds, which are held by special boards of trustees whose reports appear elsewhere, there are five other funds from the income of which new books are purchased by vote of the directors—the Sawyer, Bradbury, Frothingham, Green and Williams funds. The Sawyer fund amounts to \$5000, and is invested in the form of a city note, yielding an income (at 4 1-2 per cent.) of \$225 annually. The Bradbury fund is deposited at the Institution for Savings—\$1000, and this year yields \$40. The three latter are invested in city notes, and are for \$2000, \$1000 and \$1000 respectively, paying 4 per cent. dividends annually. The income of the Green fund is restricted to purchasing books on American history, and especially local New England histories; the others are to be used “in the purchase of new and useful

books," except the Bradbury fund income, which is less restricted. A statement of receipts and expenditures the current year follows:

## SAWYER FUND.

1889.	<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditures.</i>	
March 2.	Int. on city note,	\$112 50	Bills paid for new books....	\$198 58
Aug. 9.	" "	112 50	Balance on hand .....	26 42
		<u>\$225 00</u>		<u>\$225 00</u>

## BRADBURY FUND.

June 1.	Div'd Ins. for Sav.,	\$20 00	Bills paid for new books ....	\$22 00
Nov. 17.	" "	20 00	Balance on hand .....	18 00
		<u>\$40 00</u>		<u>\$40 00</u>

## FROTHINGHAM FUND.

Feb. 9.	Int. on city note....	\$40 00	Bills paid for new books....	\$39 25
			Balance on hand .....	75
		<u>\$40 00</u>		<u>\$40 00</u>

## GREEN FUND.

Mar. 2.	Due fr'm Sawyer fund,	\$3 13	Bills paid for books .....	\$58 19
Mar. 2.	Int. on city note .....	40 00		
Nov. 7.	" "	40 00	Balance on hand .....	24 94
		<u>\$83 13</u>		<u>\$83 13</u>

## WILLIAMS FUND.

Mar. 2.	Accrued int. rec'd...	\$65 33	Bills paid for new books ....	\$63 26
			Balance on hand .....	2 07
		<u>\$65 33</u>		<u>\$65 33</u>

Above accounts examined and found correct.

ALBERT C. TITCOMB,	} Committee on
BENJAMIN HALE,	
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING.	
	Finance
	and Accounts.

Newburyport, December 16, 1889.



APPENDIX E.—STATEMENT OF LIBRARY INCREASE, AND  
CLASSIFICATION OF NEW BOOKS.

Number of books in library per report of 1888.....	25,000
Added by purchase in 1889 :	
From income of Peabody Fund.....	399
“ Sawyer “ .....	164
“ Todd “ .....	125
“ Williams “ .....	50
“ Frothingham Fund.....	37
“ Bradbury “ .....	4
	800
Added by donations .....	193
	25,993
Books worn out and withdrawn.....	355
Replaced from new purchases.....	34
	389
Present number of books in library.....	25,604

The additions of the year may be classified as follows: General works, 13; philosophy, 9; theology, 19; social and political science (including most government publications), 176; philology, 1; natural science, 24; useful arts, 24; fine arts, 19; literature, (adult fiction 186, magazines reviews, periodicals 125, juvenile 56, miscellaneous 66), 433; history (geography and description 35, biography 117, general 123), 275. Total, 993.

Out of each 1,000 books drawn the proportion was as follows:

1. Adult fiction ....	566
2. Miscellaneous literature (poetry, essays, etc.).....	107
3. Travel and adventure .....	75
3. Juvenile literature.....	75
4. History in general .....	64
5. Biography and genealogy. ....	40
6. Natural science, useful and fine arts.....	34
7. Philosophy and sociology.....	20
8. Theology .....	13
9. Magazines, periodicals and reviews.....	6
	1000

By the above comparison it will be seen that adult fiction comprises 56.6 per cent. of the circulation of the library, and reckoning all juvenile works as fiction, although strictly speaking they are not, 7.5 per cent., the total fiction circulation amounts to 64.1. This is below the percentage reported by most public libraries whose reports are received here.

APPENDIX F.—STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION FOR THREE  
MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 1889.

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For the three months ending November 25 (the new system of accounts dating from August 26) 7,365 books were withdrawn from the library—368 the last week in August, 1,877 in September, 2,439 in October, 2,620 in November, (three weeks). The largest number drawn on any one day was 218, Saturday, November 16; the smallest 40, Friday, September 6. The daily average has been 94; but for the month of November it was 127, as against 91 in October and 78 in September. The classification of books drawn was as follows:

Philosophy and social science .....	163
Theology .....	97
Natural science, useful and fine arts .....	247
Literature:	
Adult fiction.....	4,166
Juvenile.....	553
Miscellaneous, (poetry, essays, etc.).....	785
Magazines and reviews.....	43
	— 5,547
History:	
Geography and description.....	549
Biography .....	293
Ancient and modern .....	469
	— 1,311
Total ..	7,365

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APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1889.

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Name and location.	Books.	Pamph.	Magazines
Bartlet, Edmund, Newburyport.....			62
Boston school board, Boston.....	..	1	..
Boston Public Library, Boston .....		Plates and plans.	
Caldwell, Samuel L., D. D., Providence ....	..	1	..
Stephen A., Philadelphia .....	4	..	..
Central Vt. R. R. Co., Vermont.....	1	..	..
Couch, Robert, Newburyport.....	2	..	160
Currier, E. H., New York .....	..	1	..
John J., Newburyport .....	2	..	..
Ewing, Gen. Thomas, Marietta, O. ....	..	1	..
Fall River Public Library, Fall River, Mass.	..	1	..
Frothingham, Robert I., Brooklyn, N. Y....	Portrait Col.	Moses Titcomb	

Name and location.	Books.	Pamph.	Magazines
Garrison, W. L., children of, Boston.....	2	..	..
Georgetown school board, Georgetown, Mass	..	1	..
Gould, B. A., Cambridge .....	1	..	..
Hamilton, M. R. ....	1	..	..
Hurd, E. P., Newburyport.....	1	..	..
Kean, S. A. & Co.....	1	..	..
Lancaster, A. E. ....	1	..	..
Lamb, Mrs. Martha J., New York.....	1	..	..
Lewe, Adolph.....	1	..	..
Library trustees' and librarians' reports :			
Boston Public, Boston.....	..	1	..
Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	..	1	..
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Chicago Public, Chicago .....	..	2	..
Concord Free Public, Concord, Mass. ...	..	1	..
Dedham Public, Dedham, Mass. ....	..	1	..
Fall River Public, Fall River, Mass.....	..	1	..
Hopedale Public, Hopedale, Mass. ....	..	1	..
Lawrence Free Public, Lawrence, Mass.	..	1	..
Lowell City, Lowell, Mass. ....	..	1	..
Marlborough Public, Marlborough, Mass.	..	1	..
Massachusetts State, Boston, Mass. ....	..	1	..
New Haven Free Public, New Haven, Conn. ....	..	1	..
Newton Free, Newton, Mass. ....	..	1	..
New York Mercantile Asso., New York	..	1	..
Omaha Public, Omaha, Neb. ....	..	1	..
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....	..	1	..
Providence Public, Providence, R. I. ...	..	1	..
St. Louis Public, St. Louis, Mo.....	..	1	..
San Francisco Free Public, San Francisco	..	1	..
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Taunton Public, Taunton, Mass.....	..	1	..
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Lowell Old Residents' Association.....	..	1	..
Massachusetts New Church Union .....	1	..	..
Secretary Commonwealth .....	9	..	..
Moseley, Edward A. ....	3	..	..
Edward S.....	..	1	..
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Rev. W. O. ....	2	..	..
Nield, Fred A. (the late), Newburyport.....	10	..	..
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Newburyport, city of .....	1	..	..
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Pope, Franklin Leonard .....	1	..	..
Salem Public Library, Salem, Mass.....	1	..	..
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Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn. ...	1	..	..
Silloway, Thomas W., Boston .....	Views, Relics, etc.		
Smithsonian Institute, Washington .....	..	1	..
Stearns, George.....	1	..	..



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United States Coast Survey, Washington....	..	7	..
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State.....	47	12	..
Treasury .....	1	15	..
Comptroller currency.....	1	..	..
Director Mint .....	1	2	..
War—chief engineer .....	1	..	..
Chief signal officer .....	4	*50	..
Education, bureau of .....	..	7	..
Fish commission.....	8	..	..
Labor, commission of.....	1	..	..
Unknown donor .....	9	..	53
Westinghouse Electric Co., Pittsburg, Pa. ....	..	1	..
Winn, Henry, Boston.....	..	1	..
Women's Medical College, Philadelphia.....	..	1	..
Worcester Public Library, Worcester, Mass. ....	1	1	..
Totals .....	193	131	287

\*Also Washington weather map, daily and weekly summaries.

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Harpers' Magazine (for a duplicate set)—June, 1851; June, July, August, 1852; January, March, April, May, June, July, October, November, December, 1853; January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, 1854; February, 1856; vols. 16, 17, 18 and 19, from December, 1857, and including December, 1859; December, 1866; October and December, 1867; September and October, 1871; July, 1885; July, 1886.

Scribner's and the Century (for duplicate sets)—Almost any. NOTE—Copies of the above magazines are always useful to take the place of worn-out copies.

Quarterly Review—Vols. 3 and 4 (1809, '10), vol. 8 (1813), vol. 20, (index 1818), vols. 39, 40 (1828, '29). Any subsequent to July, 1833.

United States Magazine and Democratic Review—Vols. 1-4 inclusive, (1837 and 1838), 7, 8, 9, (January, 1840, to January, 1844), 14, 15, (1844), 26-29 (1850-'51), and any thereafter.

North American Review—Vol. 3 (1816), Vol. 7 (1818).

Edinburgh Review—Vol. 40 (1824), Vols. 101-132 (1854-1870), Vols. 159, 160, (1884).

London Quarterly—Vols. 1-54, (1809-1835), 66-117, (1840-1865), 119-128 (1865-1870).

Old and New—Vol. 1 (1870), and later than May, 1875.

Galaxy—first nine volumes (1861-1869).

Lippincott's—Any number, but especially first five volumes, (January, 1868—July, 1870).

Nineteenth Century—Any previous to July, 1884.

Our Young Folks—Any numbers.

Popular Science Review (English)—Any.

Every Saturday—Previous to 1872 (first series).

British Quarterly Review—First 52 volumes (previous to 1871).

Contemporary Review—First 34 volumes (previous to April, 1879).

Appleton's Journal—Vols. 1, 2, 3.

Fortnightly Review—Any previous to 1884.

Punch—Any previous to 1870, from 1873 to 1882.

English Illustrated Magazine—Previous to 1883.

Andover Review—First three volumes, (1884-5).

Christian Examiner—Vols. 16-25, (1834-1839).

Unitarian Review—First fourteen volumes, (1874-1881).

American Journal of Horticulture—later than 1870.

Hours At Home—Later than October, 1870.

Temple Bar—First sixty-five volumes, (previous to 1882).

Macmillan's Magazine—First forty-four volumes, (prior to 1881), Vol. 52, (April to November, 1885).

New Englander—First thirty-two volumes, (previous to 1874).

Littell's Living Age—Vols. 67-99, (1861-1868).

Chamber's Journal—Previous to 1864, (1870-1884).

Good Words—Prior to 1860, 1869, 1872.

Nature—Vol. 5, October, 1871—May, 1872.

Bibliotheca Sacra—Vol. 42 (1885).

International Review—Vol. 1 (1874), later than 1882.

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Financial and Commercial Chronicle, N. Y.	Punch, London, England,
Forest and Stream, N. Y.	Register, Mobile, Ala.,
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper, N. Y.	Republican, Springfield, Mass.,
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Journal of Education, Boston,	Times, London, England,
Journal, Kansas City, Mo.,	Tribune, Chicago, Ill.
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Agriculturist, N. Y.	Home Missionary, Boston,
Andover Review, Boston,	Journal of Chemistry, Boston.
Atlantic Monthly, “	Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia
Ballou's Magazine, “	Liberal Free Mason,
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.,	Lippincott's Magazine, Phila. .
Century, N. Y.,	Littell's Living Age, Boston,
Current Literature, N. Y..	Naturalist, Philadelphia,
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly,	New Englander, New Haven, Conn.
N. Y.,	North American, N. Y.,
Forum, N. Y.,	Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia,
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Cassell's Magazine, London,	London Quarterly Review, London
Contemporary Review, London,	Macmillan's Magazine, London,
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Chambers' Encyclopædia, 15 vols.	Map of the United States.
Brande's Encyclopædia, 2 vols.	Map of Rockingham Co., N. Y.
Lippincott's Biograph. Dictionary.	Map of Essex County, Mass.
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# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To the Honorable the Mayor and the City Council of Newburyport :*

GENTLEMEN :—In submitting to you the thirty-fifth annual report of the condition of our public library, the directors have little more to do than to congratulate you upon its continued prosperity and success.

During the year now closing our constant benefactor, Mr. William C. Todd, has placed us under additional obligations, by depositing with us his collection of oil paintings, which we have caused to be hung in various parts of the building.

On the publication of the present catalogue, in 1879, the library contained 19,787 volumes. The increase in the last twelve years brings the total to about 27,000, leaving over 7000 volumes unrecorded in the general catalogue. This has already become a serious inconvenience to the frequenters of the library, which increases with every work added to it. The time is not distant when we must set about supplying the deficiency, or devise some new mode of cataloguing which will obviate the need of such frequent and expensive publications. This state of things brings to our minds with much force the slenderness of our resources, and suggests to us the propriety of again commending the institution to the friendly consideration of our fellow citizens. While we do the utmost for the library which its revenues allow, we feel that more could be

expended advantageously upon an institution which contributes so essentially to the happiness and progress of the community. We append the annual reports of the librarian and of the committees in charge of special funds.

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# REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Committee on Library:*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit to you my second annual report, and the 35th of the librarian of the Newburyport Public Library.

## GROWTH DURING THE YEAR.

At the date of the last report it appeared that there were 25,604 catalogued books in the library. During the past year 627 have been added by purchase, of which number 27 were to take the place of books worn out and cancelled; and 145 volumes have been donated. Of the above purchases 307 were bought by the income from the Peabody Fund, which continues to be the principal source of supply for our more valuable books, its income amounting to three-fifths of all the money available for increasing the strength of the library. But 43 books were withdrawn and condemned this year, against 389 for the previous year, when a wholesale weeding out of imperfect, and thereby valueless, books was attempted. The result of these figures shows that the library now nominally contains 26,306 volumes, more fully set forth in appendix E.

## A RECOUNT RECOMMENDED.

I do not place the fullest faith in these figures, and as we have large numbers of books not catalogued, I would recommend that at the next annual examination there be a recount of all the vol-

umes of the library, so as to give us new data aside from continuing our reckoning from one report to the other, wholly in ignorance as to when or on what system the original count was taken, and on what basis it was continued.

#### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR THE YEAR, 31,727.

During the year ending November 25, 1890, 31,721 books were withdrawn from the library for home use. Of this number only four were lost or unaccounted for, the aggregate value of which would approximate \$5. Appendix F shows the character or classification of these books. While adult fiction leads with a percentage of .547, that is .021 less than for the last three months of the ensuing year, the only period available for making comparisons, as no statistics were kept previous to September, 1889. This is a very favorable showing compared with other libraries of its class. Juvenile books are next in demand, representing .146 of the entire circulation. A little over a year ago the library was at a low ebb as regards books of this class. Since that time over 100 have been added, carefully selected from the almost endless variety now in the market; and the result is that the number of boys and girls who now use the library is at least five times in excess of what it was two years since. Many of them are acquiring good reading habits, and show a marked advance in making their selections. I believe the ultimate results of supplying this kind of reading, of directing certain classes toward the paths of education which they might otherwise never find, cannot be overestimated. The necessity of furnishing mental food suitable to the mind of the recipient, as well as bodily food suitable to his physical condition, is too well acknowledged now to need any argument here.

#### OTHER LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The library during the period covered by this report has been open 287 days, which gives the average daily circulation as 111 and a fraction. The largest circulation was on Saturday, October 25, 267 books. These figures make no account of books called for for consultation at the library, which would increase the total by

some thousands. A comparison of the circulation for home use for the last three months of the library year of 1890 with the corresponding period of the previous year, shows that 8739 books were withdrawn in 1890, against 7304 in 1889, a gain of 1435, or a trifle less than 20 per cent. While it is not to be expected that this ratio will be kept up, still it is evident that the privileges and value of the library are being better appreciated year by year. At the close of the last library year 1281 persons were entitled to draw books under the new registration. During the year just closed 1159 new names were added, 49 were cancelled, and accordingly \*2391 names are now registered. The rate of increase is about 100 per month.

#### UNSKILLED HELP ASKED FOR.

During the past year 302 books have been sent to the bindery to be bound or rebound, the total cost of which was \$135.60, an average of about 45 cents per volume, while 278 have been repaired and 1629 covered at the library, or a total of 1907. The estimated time employed at this work was fully 100 hours. Double this time, at least, has been consumed in going to and from the book shelves, which are scattered over a large area in this library. Work of this sort seriously robs the librarian of time which could be more advantageously employed in bettering the condition of the library, and making it more serviceable to the citizens; and it is of a kind that requires neither much skill nor intelligence. Accordingly, in view of these facts, and of the general increase of library work, the librarian feels justified in calling your attention to the need of further help, such as could be best furnished by a boy of fourteen or fifteen years of age. He would add that no library of the grade of this one with which he is acquainted is so restricted in help, and that no librarian is called upon to devote so much time to minor matters which could so advantageously be done by another.

#### THE WANT OF A CATALOGUE.

The necessity which is so apparent, of doing something towards cataloguing and making the attendant changes at the library, can-

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not be urged too strongly. Since the last catalogue was issued the books in the library have increased in number nearly one-half. In practical value it may be said they more than equal the entire collection of twelve years ago, and the proportion drawn from the newer books is of course many times in excess of that drawn from the older. The catalogue as it exists today is practically useless. Aside from classic literature, there is hardly a subject in which one would care to rest his investigation on the authorities alone as they existed down to 1878. If he would go farther, he has thirteen annual supplements to pore over before he exhausts the resources of the library. The ordinary borrower has not the time for this, and so he naturally takes the shorter cut of depending on the librarian for his selection of books. It is the duty of the librarian to meet these calls, but the days are not long enough for fulfilling them properly, and at the best many must go away dissatisfied. It has often been said that a library without a good catalogue is like a book without an index. Our library is practically without an index, and its table of contents is scattered through the book at the head of each chapter, and not collected in order at the beginning.

#### CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION.

Reference was made above to "attendant changes." Several of the principal alcoves are now so filled that a new distribution has become imperative. We have an abundance of shelf room,—enough for fifty years to come, even at a much larger annual rate of increase than at present; but the books must be shelved by some method, and one that will require the least effort and the shortest time to get at them. It will be seen at once that by our system of notation and classification when a large number of books are removed from an alcove they must change their numbers, and without a corresponding change in the catalogue confusion will result. This further complicates the catalogue question. I would ask that a special committee be appointed to take the whole matter into consideration.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS' CARDS.

A year ago, by your authority, I began issuing special cards to

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teachers in the public schools, by means of which five books on topics connected with the school studies could be drawn at one time. The plan proved a success from the start, and a large number of standard books, particularly on subjects connected with history and English literature, now go into the public schools, are recommended by the teachers to pupils, and are freely consulted. This system has for some years been in most successful operation in other cities, and is very promising of good results in this. I would now go a step further, in keeping with the plan, and recommend that a special card for pupils be issued, to pupils of the High school only at present, such cards to be given to any pupil presenting a written request signed by a teacher of the school, and on it to be issued only such book or books as are recommended by the teacher.

#### CONCLUSION.

The change in the system of heating the library room, made under the direction of the president of the board, has resulted favorably, in that the heat now entering the alcoves is better controlled, and thereby better distributed.

Further information on library matters which it is the province of the librarian to impart will be found in the appendices.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.

Newburyport, December 8, 1890.



# APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

(Authorized by City Council.)

### CREDITS.

City appropriation . . . . .	\$1,200 00	
From dog licenses . . . . .	909 95	
From town of Newbury . . . . .	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,259 95

### EXPENDITURES.

Salaries . . . . .	\$1,941 47	
Printing and advertising . . . . .	188 70	
Binding books . . . . .	135 60	
Insurance . . . . .	90 00	
Library supplies . . . . .	37 88	
Expressage . . . . .	24 95	
Repairing clocks . . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,423 10
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$163 15

(Miscellaneous.)

### RECEIPTS.

Received from fines . . . . .	\$51 50
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### EXPENDITURES.

Postage . . . . .	\$9 54	
Sundry supplies . . . . .	9 83	
Post office box rent . . . . .	2 00	
Express and truckage . . . . .	1 75	
	<hr/>	23 12
Balance unexpended . . . . .		\$30 38



## APPENDIX B.—BUILDING FUND.

*To the Directors of the Public Library :*

It is well known that certain persons subscribed money for the purpose of presenting to the city of Newburyport a suitable building for the public library, and appointed a committee from their number with full powers to carry their wishes into effect. In pursuance thereof the present building was purchased and prepared, and a deed thereof with the grounds adjoining thereto, on certain conditions, given to the city, leaving, however, money in the hands of the committee unexpended, one of the conditions being that an annual report should be made to the directors of the public library of their action in the premises. In conformity therewith, the treasurer desires to state to your body that the surplus, amounting originally to the sum of \$5000, remains where it was originally deposited in the Institution for Savings, from whence it can only be withdrawn by the action of the trustees of the fund.

Power was given the committee to expend in their discretion the income of the fund in keeping the library building in repair, and its general maintenance.

The sum reserved remains intact. During the 25 years or more it has been in the hands of the trustees, the interest has exceeded the original principal, which has been expended as designed, and thus benefited the city to that extent. At the present time \$445.24 remains of the interest.

The account of the treasurer has from the first been regularly audited.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY,  
SAMUEL J. SPALDING, } Trustees.  
DANIEL T. FISKE.

Newburyport, December 8, 1890.

## APPENDIX C.—PEABODY FUND.

In accordance with the directions of Mr. George Peabody, in his gift of \$15,000, to be used at the discretion of certain trustees whom he named with power to fill by their election any vacancy, that the income derived from the gift should be kept separately from that received from other sources, and further requested that an annual report of the condition of the fund should be prepared and published, the present treasurer, who received that amount from the hands of Mr. Peabody many years ago, desires to give public notice that it is still in the Institution for Savings, where it was originally deposited, from whence it can only be withdrawn on the written order of a majority of the trustees of the fund.

Since the last report, at which time \$312 remained on hand, the income thereof has been \$600, and the amount expended in the purchase of books \$640.89, up to this date, leaving a balance of \$271.11 as occasion arises.

It should be stated that the treasurer's accounts of receipts and expenditures have always been regularly audited.

The names of the trustees of the Peabody Fund are hereto subjoined.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, E. F. STONE, WILLIAM H. SWASEY, DANIEL T. FISKE, J. J. CURRIER.	} Trustees.
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## APPENDIX D.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF TRUST FUNDS.

### SAWYER FUND.

1889.	<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenditures.</i>
Nov. 26.	Balance from 1889, \$26.42	Bills paid for books . . \$211 95
1890.		
Jan. 2.	Income . . 112 50	Balance to new account . 41 47
July 1.	" . . 112 50	
Oct. 30.	Cash (book lost) 2 00	
	\$253 42	\$253 42

### BRADBURY FUND.

1889		
Nov. 26.	Balance from 1889, \$18 00	Bills paid for books . . \$58 50
1890.		
April 30.	Income . . 20 00	
Oct. 28.	" . . 20 00	
Nov. 25.	Trans. from Green Fund . . . 50	
	\$58 50	\$58 50

### FROTHINGHAM FUND.

1889.		
Nov. 26.	Balance from 1889, \$ 75	Bills paid for books . . \$30 49
1890.		
March 1.	Income . . 40 00	Balance to new account . 10 26
	\$40 75	\$40 75

### GREEN FUND.

1889.		
Nov. 26.	Balance from 1889, \$24 94	Bills paid for books . . \$35 81
1890.		
March 1.	Income . . 40 00	Balance to new account . 69 13
Oct. 28.	" . . 40 00	
	\$104 94	\$104 94

### WILLIAMS FUND.

1889.		
Nov. 26.	Balance from 1889, \$ 2 07	Bills paid for books . . \$30 68
1890.		
March 1.	Income . . 40 00	Balance to new account, . 11 39
	\$42 07	\$42 07



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APPENDIX E.—STATEMENT OF LIBRARY INCREASE, WITH  
THE CLASSIFICATION.

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Number of books in library per report of 1889 . . . . .	25,604
Added by purchase in 1890 :	
From income of Peabody Fund . . . . .	307
" Sawyer " . . . . .	162
" Todd " . . . . .	67
" Frothingham " . . . . .	39
" Williams " . . . . .	33
" Green " . . . . .	13
" Bradbury " . . . . .	6
	<hr/> 627
Added by donation . . . . .	145
	<hr/> 26,376
Books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	43
Replaced from purchases, included above . . . . .	27
	<hr/> 70
Present number of books in library . . . . .	26,306
Net increase from last year . . . . .	<hr/> 702

The additions for the year may be classified as follows: General works, including magazines, periodicals and reviews, 108; philosophy, 2; theology and religious works, 26; social and political science, 40; philology, 6; natural science, 16; useful arts, 18; fine arts, 13; adult fiction, 107; miscellaneous literature, 95; juvenile, 49; biography, 80; history, 75; travels and descriptive, 75; unclassified (government publications), 87. Total, 772.

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APPENDIX F.—STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 1890.

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During the past year there have been withdrawn from the library for home use 31,727 books. The circulation by months was as follows: Last week November, 543; December, 2792; January, 3088; February, 2941; March, 3534; April, 3070; May, 2811; June, 2302; July, 2011; August (eight days), 575; September, 2453; October, 3081; November (to 25th), 2640. Largest daily circulation, Saturday, October 25, 267; largest weekly circulation, week ending March 2, 898; largest monthly circulation, March, 3534. The classification of the books drawn was as follows:

	Number.	Per cent.
Adult fiction . . . . .	17,349	54.7
Juvenile literature . . . . .	4,634	14.6
Travels, description and adventure . . . . .	2,507	7.9
Miscellaneous literature (poetry, essays, etc.), . . . . .	2,094	6.6
History . . . . .	1,808	5.7
Biography and genealogy . . . . .	1,317	4.1
Natural science, useful and fine arts . . . . .	934	2.9
Magazines, reviews . . . . .	402	1.3
Philosophy and social science . . . . .	343	1.1
Theology and religion . . . . .	339	1.1
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 31,727	<hr/> 100.0

## APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1890.

Name and location.	Books.	Pamph.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass. . . . .	1	..
American Humane Association, Boston, Mass. . . . .	..	1
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. . . . .	..	3
Avery, W. H., Tacoma, W. . . . .	1	..
Boston, city of . . . . .	1	..
Boston & Maine Railroad Company . . . . .	2	..
Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston . . . . .	2	..
Central Pacific Railroad Company . . . . .	..	1
Citizens Association, Boston . . . . .	..	2
Coffin, E. F., Newburyport . . . . .	2	1
Couch, Miss Mary E., Newburyport . . . . .	2	..
Currier, E. H., New York . . . . .	..	1
Dalton, J. G., Boston . . . . .	1	..
Eddy, Mrs. M. B. G., Boston . . . . .	1	..
Frothingham, Robert I., Brooklyn . . . . .	..	*200
Gale, George H., New York . . . . .	..	1
Griffis, Rev. William Elliot, Boston . . . . .	1	..
Haskell, L., Newburyport . . . . .	..	*122
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. . . . .	1	..
Herald Publishing Co., Newburyport . . . . .	3	..
Home, Mme. Dunglas . . . . .	1	..
Hurd, Dr. E. P., Newburyport . . . . .	1	..
Ingersoll, Edward, New York . . . . .	..	1
Johnstown Fund Commission, Johnstown, Pa. . . . .	..	1
Library trustees' and librarians' reports, etc. :		
American Library Association . . . . .	..	1
Boston, Public Library . . . . .	..	3
Chicago, Newberry Library . . . . .	..	1
Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Concord, Mass., Free Library . . . . .	..	1
Georgetown, Mass., Peabody Library . . . . .	..	1
Hopedale, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Lawrence, Mass., Free Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Lowell, Mass., City Library . . . . .	..	1
Lynn, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Massachusetts, State Library . . . . .	..	1
Marlborough, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Newton, Mass., Free Public Library . . . . .	..	1

\*Magazines.



Name and location.	Books.	Pamph.
Omaha, Neb., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Peabody, Mass., Peabody Institute . . . . .	..	1
Portland, Me., Public Library . . . . .	..	4
Providence, R. I., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
St. Louis, Mo., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Salem, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	2
San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Association . . . . .	..	1
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association . . . . .	..	1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Woburn, Mass., Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library . . . . .	..	1
Lowell, Mass., Old Residents' Association . . . . .	..	1
McKnight, D. A., New York . . . . .	1	..
Massachusetts Club, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Massachusetts, commonwealth of . . . . .	9	..
Moseley, Edward A., Washington, D. C. . . . .	1	..
Edward S., Newburyport . . . . .	1	..
New England Historical and Genealogical Society, Boston . . . . .	..	1
New York city, department public works . . . . .	..	1
Newburyport, city of . . . . .	1	..
Parsons, John D., Newburyport . . . . .	1	..
Peale, R. S. & Co., Chicago . . . . .	..	1
Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia . . . . .	1	..
Perkins Institute, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Poor, H. V. & H. W., New York . . . . .	..	1
Providence, R. I., Board of Trade . . . . .	..	1
Stone, E. F., Newburyport . . . . .	70	..
Tappan, Eugene, Winchester, Mass. . . . .	1	..
Todd, William C., Newburyport . . . . .	1	3
Tribune, New York . . . . .	..	3
Tuttle, est. M. L., by J. J. Currier, trustee . . . . .	1	..
Unitarian Association, Boston . . . . .	1	..
United States, Bureau of Education . . . . .	1	8
Bureau of Pensions . . . . .	..	1
Coast Survey . . . . .	2	5
Department of Agriculture . . . . .	1	14
“ Interior . . . . .	1	2
“ the Navy . . . . .	1	1
“ State . . . . .	2	15
“ the Treasury . . . . .	3	23
“ War . . . . .	6	..
Fish Commission . . . . .	1	..

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Name and location.	Books.	Pamph.
Life Saving Service Bureau . . . . .	1	..
Mint . . . . .	..	1
*Signal Service Bureau . . . . .	4	..
Smithsonian Institute . . . . .	7	5
Unknown sources . . . . .	4	5
Washburn, W. T., New York . . . . .	1	..
Washington Home, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Winchester Home Corporation, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Woodruff, W., Salt Lake City . . . . .	1	..
Yale University, New Haven, Conn. . . . .	..	1

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\*Also, daily weather maps from Washington and Boston, summaries, etc.

## APPENDIX H.—MAGAZINES, QUARTERLIES AND REVIEWS NEEDED TO COMPLETE SETS.

Harpers' Magazine (for duplicate sets)—January, March, April, May, 1853; February, 1856; vols. 16, 17, 18 and 19, from December, 1857, and including December, 1859; December, 1865; October, 1867; September, 1871; July, 1885; July, 1886, to date.

Scribner's and the Century (for duplicate sets)—Almost any. NOTE—Copies of the above magazines are always useful to take the place of worn-out copies.

Quarterly Review (London)—Vols. 3 and 4 (1809, '10), vol. 8 (1813), vol. 20 (index 1818), vols. 39, 40 (1828, '29), vols. 66–117 (1840–'65), vols. 159, '60 (1884).

United States Magazine and Democratic Review—Vols. 1–4 inclusive, (1837 and 1838), 7, 8, 9, (January, 1840, to January, 1844), 14, 15, (1844), 26–29 (1850–'51), and any thereafter.

North American Review—Vol. 3 (1816), Vol. 7 (1818).

Edinburgh Review—Vol. 40 (1824), Vols. 101–132 (1854–1870), Vols. 159, 160, (1884).

Old and New—Vol. 1 (1870), and later than May, 1875.

Galaxy—first nine volumes (1861–1869).

Lippincott's—Any number, but especially first five volumes, (January 1868—July, 1870).

Nineteenth Century—Any previous to July, 1884.

Our Young Folks—Any numbers.

Popular Science Review (English)—Any.

Every Saturday—Previous to 1872 (first series).

British Quarterly Review—First 52 volumes (previous to 1871).

Contemporary Review—First 34 volumes (previous to April, 1879)

Appleton's Journal—Vols. 1, 2, 3.

Fortnightly Review—Any previous to 1884.

Punch—Any previous to 1870, from 1873 to 1882.

English Illustrated Magazine—Previous to 1883.

Andover Review—First three volumes, (1884–5).

Christian Examiner—Vols. 16–25, (1834–1839).

Unitarian Review—First fourteen volumes, (1874–1881).

Temple Bar—First 65 volumes, (previous to 1882).

MacMillan's Magazine—First 44 volumes, (prior to 1881), Vol. 52, (April to November, 1885).

New Englander—First 32 volumes, (previous to 1874).

Littell's Living Age—Vols. 67–99, (1861–1868).

Chamber's Journal—Previous to 1864, (1870–1884).

Good Words—Prior to 1860, 1869, 1872.

Nature—Vol. 5, October, 1871–May, 1872.

Bibliotheca Sacra—Vol. 42, (1885).

International Review—Vol. 1, (1874,) later than 1882.

Westminster Review—Prior to 1871.



APPENDIX I.—THE TODD FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$286 83	
From William C. Todd . . . . .	400 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$686 83

EXPENDITURES.

Periodicals and newspapers . . . . .	\$398 10	
Post office box . . . . .	3 00	
	<u>          </u>	401 10
Balance to new year . . . . .		<u>          </u> \$285 73

The great need of more books for ready reference in connection with the reading room still remains. But notwithstanding this deficiency, the room continues in great prosperity and usefulness.

S. J. SPALDING, Treasurer.

## Donations to the Reading Room—1890.

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The Newburyport Daily News . . . . .	News Publishing Co.
The Saturday Night . . . . .	Publishers.
Unitarian Review . . . . .	Am. Unitarian Ass'n.
Christian Register . . . . .	do.
Congressional Record . . . . .	Hon. Wm. Cogswell.
Home Missionary . . . . .	E. S. Moseley.
Liberal Free Mason . . . . .	Joseph B. Lincoln.
New York Observer . . . . .	Hon. John N. Pike.
Congressional Directory . . . . .	E. S. Moseley.
Good Health . . . . .	Publishers.
Signal Service Weather Maps . . . . .	Gen. A. W. Greeley.
Official Gazette . . . . .	Patent Office.
Signs of the Times . . . . .	Publishers.
The Manifesto . . . . .	Publishers.
The Student's Journal . . . . .	Publishers.
Tacoma Illustrated . . . . .	Wm. H. Avery.

## PUBLICATIONS IN THE NEWBURYPORT FREE READING ROOM.

## DAILIES.

Newburyport Morning Herald,	New York Herald, (morning),
News (evening),	Journal of Commerce “
Standard (morning),	Star “
Boston Advertiser (morning),	Sun “
Herald “	Times “
Post “	Tribune “
Globe (evening),	World “
Journal “	Mail and Express (evening),
Transcript “	Post “
Traveller “	Albany, N. Y., Argus (morning),
Portland, Me., Advertiser (evening)	Philadelphia, Pa., North American
Providence, R.I., Journal (morning)	(morning),
Chicago, Ill., Times “	Congressional Record, Washington.

## SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS.

Alta California, San Francisco,	Machinist, N. Y.,
Bradstreet's, New York,	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester,
Christian Register, Boston,	N. H.
Chronicle, San Francisco,	Nation, N. Y.
Commercial Bulletin, Boston,	Nature, London, England,
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.	News, Charleston, S. C.,
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.,	Observer, N. Y.,
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.,	Picayune, New Orleans, La.,
Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio,	Pioneer-Press, St. Paul, Minn.,
Financial and Commercial Chronicle, N. Y.	Punch, London, England,
Forest and Stream, N. Y.	Register, Mobile, Ala.,
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper, N. Y.	Republican, Springfield, Mass.,
Gazette, Montreal, Canada,	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver,
Gazette, Salem, Mass.	Col.
Graphic, London, England,	Scientific American, New York,
Harpers' Bazar, N. Y.,	Builders' Edition, “
Weekly, N. Y.,	Supplement, “
Young People, N. Y.,	Signs of the Times, “
Herald, Rutland, Vt.,	Star, Washington, D. C.,
Independent, N. Y.,	Times, Philadelphia, Pa.,
Journal of Education, Boston,	Times, London, England,
Journal, Kansas City, Mo.,	Tribune, Chicago, Ill.,
	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas,
	Official Gazette, U. S. Patent Office.



## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Agriculturist, N. Y.,	Journal of Chemistry, Boston,
Andover Review, Boston,	Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia
Atlantic Monthly, "	Liberal Free Mason,
Ballou's Magazine "	Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.,	Littell's Living Age, Boston,
Century, N. Y.,	Naturalist, Philadelphia,
Current Literature, N. Y.,	New England Magazine,
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly,	New Englander, New Haven, Conn.
N. Y.,	North American, N. Y.,
Forum, N. Y.,	Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia,
Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia,	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.,
Harpers' Magazine, N. Y.,	Popular Science Monthly, N. Y.,
Household Magazine, Brattleboro',	St. Nicholas, N. Y.,
Vt.,	Unitarian Review, Boston,
Home Missionary, Boston,	

## FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London,	Fortnightly Review, London,
Blackwood's, Edinburgh,	Good Words, London,
Cassell's Magazine, London,	London Quarterly Review, London
Contemporary Review, London,	Macmillan's Magazine, London,
Edinburgh Review, Edinburgh,	Nineteenth Century, London,
English Illustrated Magazine, Lon-	Temple Bar, London,
don,	Westminster Review, London,

## BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Chamber's Encyclopædia, 15 vols.	Map of the United States,
Brande's Encyclopædia, 2 vols.,	Map of Rockingham Co., N. Y.,
Lippincott's Biograph. Dictionary,	Map of Essex County, Mass.,
Lippincott's Gazeteer,	Johnson's Atlas of the World,
Anthon Classical Dictionary,	New Eng. Business Directory,
American Newspaper Annual,	The Pathfinder and Railway Guide,
Worcester's Dictionary,	Congressional Directory,
Boston Directory,	Quain's Directory of Medicine,
Massachusetts Business Directory,	United States Dispensatory,
Newburyport Directory,	Clinical Therapeutics,
Revised Statutes of Massachusetts,	Diseases of the Stomach,
Poor's Manual of Railroads,	Diseases of the Liver,
History of Woman Suffrage,	Diseases of the Heart,
Shipping Record,	Diseases of the Kidney,
Catalogue of Public Library,	Diseases of the Nervous System,
Bradley's Atlas of the World,	On the Morphine Habit,
Supplement to the Statutes of Massachusetts.	











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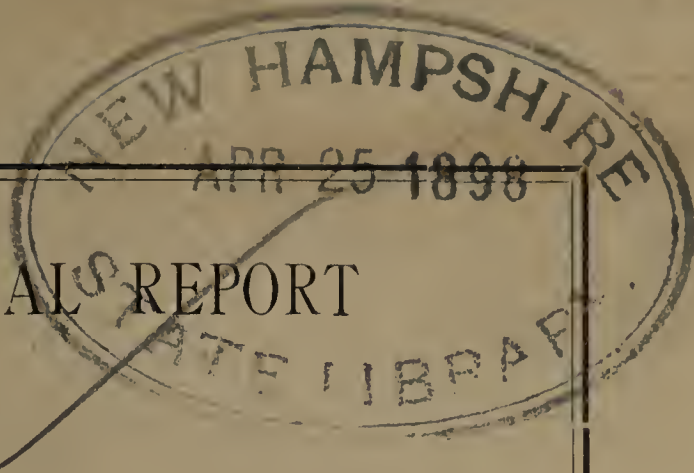
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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, {  
NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 14, 1891. }

ORDERED, That the Report of the Directors, together with the accompanying reports, be transmitted to the City Council, agreeably to the requirements of section 5th of the ordinance concerning the Public Library.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Secretary.



## TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY—1892.

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ORRIN J. GURNEY, *Mayor*.

### ALDERMEN.

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CHAS. C. STOCKMAN,    GEO. E. STICKNEY,    ANDREW R. CURTIS

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## DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Trustee of Building Fund	"
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JOHN E. BAILEY, " " "	1898

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EXTRA ASSISTANT	E. S. THURSTON.
SUPERINTENDENT OF READING ROOM	MARTHA P. LUNT.
JANITOR	DANIEL P. DONNELL.

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\*Died April 11, 1892.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To the Honorable the Mayor and the City Council of Newburyport :*

GENTLEMEN :—According to established custom, the directors of the Public Library submit to you their thirty-sixth annual report.

The library during the past year has made the usual increase in the number of books, and we have evidence that there has been of recent years a very considerable increase in its usefulness to the public. Never before has it been resorted to so much, not only for entertainment of readers but for the instruction afforded by its means in general knowledge, or in special matters of investigation, for which it affords better facilities each year by the addition of works of reference. We can also speak with some degree of pride of the Reading Room, the appreciation of which by the public is made manifest by the increasing number of those who avail themselves of its privileges. By the liberality of its endowment we are able to furnish readers with the best newspapers, magazines and reviews of this country, and some of the leading ones of England, and with more variety than ever before.

Since our last annual report the death of Mr. James Parton, a member of the board of directors of the Public Library, has caused a loss to us, as it has been to this community especially and to the literature of the country. Mr. Parton's eminence as an author, more particularly in the field of biography, is generally recognized. For nearly ten years he had served on this board, during all of which time he was on the Committee on Library, which selects the books which are added, and to him we have been largely indebted for the wisdom

with which additions to the library have been made. His choice of books was catholic and discriminating, and in our meetings his kindly presence and his wide knowledge made us all his friends and respectful to his advice and recommendations.

There are no great changes to report in regard to the Library, but its condition and that of the funds by which it is aided as also of the building fund, will be found in the librarian's and other reports herewith submitted.

E. P. DODGE,  
O. J. GURNEY,  
E. S. MOSELEY,  
S. J. SPALDING,  
D. T. FISKE,  
R. JACOBY,  
N. N. WITHINGTON,  
W. R. JOHNSON,  
AMOS. NOYES,  
E. C. ADAMS,  
C. C. DAME,

DIRECTORS  
  
OF THE  
  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Newburyport, December 15, 1892.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Committee on Library:*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the 36th annual report of the Librarian of the Newburyport Public Library.

During the August vacation the books on the shelves were counted, as a basis of future reckoning. There were found to be 27,734 volumes. Last year the number was returned as 26,306, which with the additions up to the time of the recount would have made 26,928. Accordingly a discrepancy existed, of 805 volumes, and the rectification of this error, which I have for some time suspected, was well worth the trouble. Since that time 267 volumes have been added, of which three were to take the place of worn out copies, and 32 have been withdrawn as unfit for further service, leaving as the present number of volumes in the library 27,941.

During the past year 890 volumes have been added and 84 withdrawn. Of this number 785 were purchased, 165 donated. Of the purchases nearly one-half were from the income of the Peabody Fund, which still is our principal resource for building up the library, and, for over 20 years has been invaluable in providing us with the best literature.

The Library growth for the year is fully set fourth in Appendix E.

The number of books withdrawn from the Library for home use during the period under review was 34,646, against 31,727 for the corresponding term last year, an increase of 2919. Of this number 10 are now missing from the shelves, all of slight monetary value, and the cost of replacing such as should be replaced is about \$5.00.

One book could not be recovered because the heads of the family had been sent to prison and the household was dispersed. Another borrower had gone to sea. Others had left town and had not left their addresses, and one was, *prima facie*, a thief, if either a false name or residence is evidence.

That we suffer as slightly as we do from loss of books is remarkable, considering the freedom with which the public is allowed to use the library. In nearly every library of my acquaintance no card is issued to a person not known to be an established citizen or taxpayer, without a written guarantee from some taxpayer or professional man, who is held for the faithful observance of the rules on the part of the borrower, or, in place of that, a small deposit of money is required. I would not recommend that any restriction be put on the free use of the library, as at present conducted, believing that the general public can better afford the slight loss annually entailed than to deprive many worthy and honest people who could not perhaps obtain suitable endorsers, of the privileges of the Library.

Statistics regarding the circulation of the books are given in Appendix F. No account is made of the use of books for consultation at the library building, an important factor in the usefulness of the institution.

The library has been open 284 days for giving out books, against 287 last year; and 290 for consultation of books, while the reading room has been open every day but Sundays. The average daily circulation has been 122, against 111 last year. The largest withdrawal of books in a single day was 306, last year it was 267.

In the two years and three months since a new registration was ordered 3,200 borrowers have signed, the names of 92 have been canceled, leaving 3,108 as the number of persons now entitled to take books from the library.

There have been sent to the bindery 319 volumes, of which 221 were for rebinding. There have also been repaired at the library 471 volumes, and 2,455 have been covered. This latter is one of the great drawbacks of the librarian's time. The work here mentioned is equivalent to about 146 hours, time, a menial kind of service which could just as well be performed by a boy or a girl, in common with a number of other routine duties which take time simply but no

skill or training. I renew my request that fitting help should be furnished for such service.

The need of a new catalogue continues to be the greatest want for a fuller usefulness of the library, a need felt not only by the public who use the library, but in a greater degree by the librarian and assistants. Most borrowers will not use a catalogue when they find it necessary to look through an almost endless number of supplements, and so the library attendants must, when their memory fails to retain the books on any subject called for. This entails an immense waste of time.

I had hoped, by this time to have had the fiction of the library classified, catalogued, and a finding list published, but the work has proved greater than was anticipated and the time which could be taken from other duties, less. The undertaking is still in progress, and I hope for its earliest completion.

In concluding I would make or renew the following recommendations to the Board :

1. That a library assistant be employed to perform routine work—repairing and covering books, keeping shelves in order, carrying books to and fro, and the many little things which daily must be attended to.

2. That the custom of putting paper covers on books be discontinued, except in case of works of fiction and juvenile literature.

3. That students in the High and Grammar schools be allowed each a special pupil's card, on which to draw books recommended to them by their teachers, to be read in connection with their school work.

Further details of matters alluded to above are given in the accompanying appendices.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.





# APPENDICES.

## APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation . . . . . \$1,500 00

### CREDITS.

From dog licenses . . . . .	\$672 06	
“ town of Newbury, use of library for year 1890 . . . . .	150 00	
“ H. B. Little, cash returned for damage to hens . . . . .	6 00	
		<u>\$828 09</u>
Total appropriation and income . . . . .		\$2,328 06
Amount undrawn, transferred to incidentals to balance account . . . . .		21 20
		<u>\$2,306 86</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

*Authorized by the City Council.*

John D. Parsons, services as librarian . . . . .	\$1,000 01
Effie A. Tenney, services as assistant librarian . . . . .	300 00
M. P. Lunt, services as superintendent of reading room . . . . .	375 00
E. S. Thurston, services at library . . . . .	47 75
Daniel P. Donnell, janitar of library . . . . .	260 12
Jackson & Co.'s Express, expressage . . . . .	8 30
News Publishing Co., printing and advertising . . . . .	3 50
Eben P. Goodwin, stock and labor . . . . .	3 15
C. R. Sargent, sundries . . . . .	3 90
Caleb B. Huse & Co., printing . . . . .	10 25
John E. Bailey, stock and labor . . . . .	31 01
Economy Printing Co., printing and advertising . . . . .	32 00
Newburyport Despatch, expressage . . . . .	11 25
Amount carried forward . . . . .	

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$2,026 84	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertising . . . . .	15 75	
Library Bureau, sundries . . . . .	46 35	
Lambert Jackson, binding books . . . . .	111 45	
Henry W. Hall, wrapping paper . . . . .	9 60	
Lovett's Express, expressage . . . . .	15	
Standard Newspaper Co., printing and advertising . . . . .	2 25	
Carter, Rice & Co., wrapping paper . . . . .	18 15	
Almeda Perkins, labor . . . . .	16 92	
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		\$2,306 86

*Miscellaneous.)*

## RECEIPTS.

Received from fines . . . . .	\$59 23	
Balance from 1890 . . . . .	30 38	
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		\$89 61

## EXPENDITURES.

Postage . . . . .	\$10 10	
Sundry expenses . . . . .	13 75	
Express and truckage . . . . .	5 35	
Sundry supplies . . . . .	6 07	
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		\$35 27
Balance . . . . .		54 34

## APPENDIX B.—BUILDING FUND.

*To the Directors of the Public Library:*

The trustees, to whom was committed the excess of money subscribed over and above the sum necessary to purchase and prepare the library building and the grounds adjoining to be presented as a free gift to the city, as a token of their interest therein, in pursuance of the wish of the subscribers thereto, that an annual statement of their action should be submitted to the directors of the library—beg leave to report that the original surplus of five thousand dollars over and above the actual cost of the building and grounds remains in the Institution for Savings, where it was originally deposited, from which the principal can be withdrawn only upon the written order of all the trustees.

In addition thereto, the sum of \$637 33 accumulated and unexpended interest remains on deposit in the Institution, and during the twenty years and more the original fund has been in the hands of the trustees many thousand dollars derived from the same source has been expended in necessary repairs on the library building, and in keeping the grounds in order

The account of the treasurer of the fund, as has always heretofore been done annually, has been audited.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, }  
DANIEL T. FISKE, } Trustees.  
SAMUEL J. SPALDING, }

Newburyport, December 14, 1891.

*To the City Council of the City of Newburyport:*

Since the preceding was written, the Rev. Dr. Fiske who, for so many years, (nearly a quarter of a century) has so acceptably filled various positions connected with the public library, has signified his wish to retire, and the vacancy has been filled by the selection of Hon. E. P. Dodge.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY,

SAMUEL J. SPALDING,

Remaining Trustees.

January 1, 1892.

## APPENDIX C.—PEABODY FUND.

Mr. George Peabody, in his munificent gift of fifteen thousand dollars, the interest of which he designed should be expended for the benefit of the Public Library of the city, appended to the gift the requirement that the income should be kept separate and distinct from that derived from other sources, and that an annual report of the condition of the fund, and amount of increase, be prepared and published.

In pursuance of Mr. Peabody's directions, the treasurer therefor makes known that the original sum when received was deposited by him in the Institution for Savings, from whence it can be withdrawn only upon the written order of the majority of the trustees, who have it in charge.

The income during the year and since the last report has been \$675, of which \$400.79 remains on hand at the present time available for the purchase of books.

The treasurer's accounts have always been regularly audited from the time the fund was received from Mr. Peabody in 1867.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY,	}	Trustees.
E. F. STONE,		
WM. H. SWASEY,		
DANIEL T. FISKE,		
J. J. CURRIER,		

Newburyport, December 14, 1891.



SAWYER FUND.

## 1890.

Nov. 26. To balance . . . . . \$ 41 47

1891.

Jan. 16. To income . . . . . 112 50

July 1. " " . . . . . 112 50

Dup. books sold . . . . . I 31

\$268 78

1891.

Jan. 16.	By bill Estes & Lauriat, No. 5	\$75 51
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"	16.	"	"	"	"	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	00
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"	16.	"	Pub. Weekly,	"	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	00
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" 16. " Brentano's, " 8 . . . . . 2 64

Feb. 3. " " " 9 . . . . . 2 67

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“ 16. “ “ “ 13 . . . . . 12 81

" 16. " " " 14 . . . . . I 27

“	16.	“	“	“	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	00
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"	16.	"	"	"	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.00
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April 1. " " " 17 . . . . . I 35

May 1.	Trans. to Froth. fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 78
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“	2.	By bill Estes & Lauriat,	“	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	67
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"	20.	"	Brentano's	"	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	60
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July	1.	"	Estes & Lauriat,	"	25	.	.	.	.	.	39	18
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May 28.	"	H. Welter,	"	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	10
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Aug. 5.	"	Boston Book Co.	"	25½	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 80
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13.	Estes & Launat,	27	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 58					
"	13.	"	"	"	"	28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 67

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13.		29	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 55
" 14.	Brentano's	" 26	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 61

	14.	Brentano's,	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 01
Oct.	3.	" Pub. Weekly	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00

Oct.	3.	Pub. Weekly	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
Nov.	3.	Estes & Lauriat.	34	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 50

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\$268 78

## BRADBURY FUND.

1891.			
May 1.	To income . . . . .		\$20 00
Nov. 2.	" . . . . .		25 00
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			\$45 00
1891.			
May 8.	By bill Balch Brothers No. 21 . . . . .		\$15 00
Nov. 3.	" D. Appleton " 33 . . . . .		5 00
Dec. 22.	Balance . . . . .		25 00
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			\$45 00

## FROTHINGHAM FUND.

1890.			
Nov. 26.	To balance. . . . .		\$10 26
1891.			
May 5.	" income . . . . .		40 00
" 1.	" Sawyer fund . . . . .		7 78
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			\$58 04
1890.			
Nov. 29.	By bill C. N. Ballou, No. 1 . . . . .		\$ 6 50
1891.			
Jan. 6.	" Sampson; M. & Co. " 4 . . . . .		2 00
" 16.	" Estes & Lauriat, " 5 . . . . .		4 50
May 1.	" " " " 18 . . . . .		38 68
" 1.	" " " " 19 . . . . .		6 36
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			\$58 04

## GREEN FUND.

1890.			
Nov. 26.	To balance . . . . .		\$69 13
1891.			
Mar. 5.	" income . . . . .		40 00
Sept. 1.	" " . . . . .		40 00
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			\$149 13
1890.			
Dec. 10.	By bill Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 2 . . . . .		\$12 00
" 12.	" J. Fletcher, 3 . . . . .		1 25
1891.			
Jan. 16.	" . Estes & Lauriat, 5 . . . . .		6 30
Feb. 20.	Cash M. H. Sargent, 11 . . . . .		50
July 1.	By bill G. E. Littlefield, 24 . . . . .		9 90
Nov. 3	" Cupples, 31 . . . . .		5 00
" 14.	" Bartlett, 32 . . . . .		5 50
Dec. 12.	Balance . . . . .		108 68
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			\$149 13

## WILLIAMS FUND.

1890.							
Nov. 26.	To balance	.	.	.	.	.	\$11 39
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1891.							
Mar. 5.	" income	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
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							\$51 39
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1891.							
Jan. 16.	By bill Estes & Lauriat,	5	.	.	.	.	\$9 87
Mar. 6.	" " "	13	.	.	.	.	I 00
May 1.	" " "	18	.	.	.	.	20 68
" 1.	" " "	19	.	.	.	.	I I2
" 2.	" " "	20	.	.	.	.	I 50
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							\$51 39

### CONDENSED STATEMENT.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To income	Sawyer fund . . \$268 78	By bills Sawyer fund . . . \$231 52
"	Bradbury fund     45 00	By balance . . .     37 26
"	Frothing'm fund .   58 04	By bills Bradbury fund . . . 20 00
"	Green fund . .     149 13	By balance . . .     25 00
"	Williams fund. .     51 39	By bills Frothingham fund . . 58 04
		" Green fund . . . . . 40 45
		By balance . . . 108 68
		By bills Williams fund . . . 34 17
		By balance . . .     17 22
		Total balances . . . . . 188 16
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	\$57 <sup>2</sup> 34	\$57 <sup>2</sup> 34

The above accounts have been examined and found to be correct.

E. P. DODGE,  
WM. R. JOHNSON,  
CHARLES C. DAME, } Committee on  
Finance and Accounts.

APPENDIX E.—STATEMENT OF LIBRARY INCREASE, WITH  
CLASSIFICATION.

Number of volume by count, August, 1891 . . . . .			27,709
Added during balance of year . . . . .			267
Total . . . . .			27,976
Added by purchase in 1891 :			
	1891.	1890	
From income of Peabody fund . . . . .	362	307	
“ “ Sawyer “ . . . . .	186	162	
“ “ Todd “ . . . . .	67	67	
“ “ Frothingham fund . . . . .	51	39	
“ “ Williams fund . . . . .	42	33	
“ “ Green “ . . . . .	14	13	
“ “ Bradbury “ . . . . .	3	6	
	<u>785</u>	<u>627</u>	
Added by donation . . . . .	165	145	
	<u>890</u>	<u>672</u>	
Books worn out and withdrawn since recount . . . . .	32		
Books replaced from purchases, included above . . . . .	3		
	<u>—</u>	<u>35</u>	
Present number of volumes in library . . . . .			27,941

The additions for the year may be classified as follows : General works, 11 philosophy, 5 ; religious, 34 ; sociology, 39 ; philology, 5 ; natural science, 27 ; useful arts, 20 ; fine arts, 15 ; general literature, 172 ; adult fiction, 145 ; juvenile literature, 66 ; history, 69 ; biography, 148 ; travels, descriptions, etc., 55 ; unclassified public documents) 79. Total, 890.



# APPENDIX F.—CIRCULATION OF BOOKS, CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECTS.

During year ending Nov. 28, 1891, there were withdrawn from library for home use 34,646 books, an increase from 31,727 of the previous year. The circulation by months was as follows: Balance of November, 1890, 494; December, 3155; January, 1891, 3751; February, 3271; March, 3573; April, 3250; May, 2956; June, 2749; July, 2388; August (two days) 149; September, 2651; October, 3259; November, 3000. Largest daily circulation, Saturday, March 14, 306; largest weekly, week ending March 29, 926; largest monthly, January, 3751. The books drawn may be classified, in comparison with the previous year, as follows:

	1891		1890	
	Number.	Per ct.	Number	Per ct
1. Adult fiction . . . . .	18,921	54.7	17,349	54.7
2. Juvenile literature . . . . .	6,547	19	4,634	14.6
3. Miscel. literature, (poetry, essays, etc.) .	2,087	6.1	2,094	6.6
4. Travels, description, adventure .	2,071	5.7	2,507	7.9
5. History . . . . .	1,506	4.4	1,808	5.7
6. Biography . . . . .	1,421	4.0	1,317	4.1
7. Natural science, useful and fine arts	876	2.3	934	2.9
8. Magazines and reviews . . . . .	515	1.6	402	1.3
9. Theology and religious works .	431	1.3	339	1.1
10. Philosophy and social science .	271	0.9	339	1.1
	<u>34,646</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>31,727</u>	<u>100</u>

## APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1891.

Name and location,	Books.	Pamph.
American Humane Society, Boston.....	..	I
American Republics, Bureau of, Washington.....	I	..
American Society Microscopists, New York.....	..	I
American Unitarian Association, Boston.....	2	..
Amherst College,.....	..	I
Baker, W. & Co., Cambridge. ....	I	..
Bartlett, Miss Mary, Newburyport.....	..	*60
Berry, J. M., Worcester.....	..	I
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.....	..	I
Bradbury, A., Dexter, Me.....	I	..
Bremer, Dr. L., St. Louis.....	..	I
Bridgewater Normal School.....	..	I
Brown, C. W., Boston.....	..	I
Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston.....	I	..
Citizens Association, Boston.....	..	I
Clarkson, Miss M., Newburyport.....	..	*I2
Cook, T. & Sons, New York.....	I	..
Cutter, A. E., Boston.....	..	I
Eddy, J., Providence.....	I	..
Edgerly, E. L., New York.....	I	..
Emery, Mrs., West Newbury.....	I	..
Gale, G. H., New York.....	I	..
Grand Rapids Board of Trade.....	..	I
Graves, W., Newburyport.....	2	..
Hale, Mrs. F. W., Newburyport.....	.	*249
Hartford Insurance Companies.....	I	..
Harvard University.....	..	2
Hoar, Hon G. F.,.....	..	I
Hoyt, C. C., Newburyport.....	..	*I50
Iveson, Blakeman & Co., New York.....	I	..
Knight, G. W., Newburyport.....	..	*55
Leue, A., Columbus, O.....	I	..
Library trustees, librarians' reports, etc.....	..	..
Buffalo ....	..	I
Brooklyn Mercantile.....	..	2
Chicago Public.....	..	I7
Cincinnati Public.....	..	4
Cleveland Public.....	..	I
Concord (Mass.) Public.....	..	I
Fall River Public.....	..	I

\*Magazines.

	Books.	Pamph.
Georgetown (Peabody) .....	..	1
Hamilton (Ontario) Public.....	1	1
Handsworth (England).....	..	1
Hoboken, (N. J.) Public.....	..	2
Hopedale Public.....	..	2
Jersey City Public.....	1	4
Lawrence Public.....	..	1
Los Angeles Public.....	..	1
Lynn Public.....	..	1
Marlborough Public.....	..	1
Massachusetts State.....	..	1
Milwaukee Public.....	..	2
Minneapolis Public.....	3	1
New Haven Public.....	..	2
New Jersey State.....	2	1
Newark Public.....	..	1
Newberry (Chicago).....	..	1
Newton Public.....	..	2
Omaha Public.....	..	2
Peabody Public.....	..	1
Portland Public.....	2	4
Providence Public.....	..	1
St. Louis Public.....	..	2
Salem Public.....	..	2
San Francisco Mercantile.....	..	1
Public.....	1	3
Springfield Free.....	..	2
Swansea (England).....	..	1
Taunton Public.....	..	2
Waterburg (Silas Bronson).....	..	1
Watertown Public.....	..	1
Woburn Public.....	..	1
Worcester Public.....	..	1
Lowell Historical Association.....	..	1
Massachusetts Board of Health.....	1	..
Commissioners of labor.....	1	..
Charitable Mechanic Association.....	..	1
Commonwealth of.....	13	4
Public Library Commission.....	..	1
Society Cincinnati.....	1	..
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....	1	..
Merrill, W. H., Newburyport.....	5	26
Miami University.....	..	1

	Books.	Pamph.
Moseley, E. A., Newburyport.....	1	..
Moseley, Edward S., ".....	4	..
William O., ".....	1	..
New Bedford Board of Trade.....	..	1
New York Institute Deaf and Dumb.....	..	1
Mathematical Society.....	..	1
Newburyport, City of.....	2	..
Nicaragua Canal Co.....	..	1
North Church, Newburyport.....	..	1
Ordway, A. P., ".....	1	..
Parsons, J. D., ".....	12	*70
Perkins Institute for blind, Boston.....	..	1
Russo-Jewish Society.....	..	12
Simpson, Hon. T. C., Newburyport.....	1	..
Slafter, Rev. E. F.....	..	1
Smithsonian Institut, Washington.....	4	10
Society Psychical Research, (England).....	..	1
Stone, Hon. E. F., Newburyport.....	21	1
Stone, G. F., Chicago.....	1	..
Taunton, Mass., City of.....	1	..
Todd, W. C., Newburyport.....	1	..
Toppan, Ann G., Newburyport.....	23	..
Trustees Public Preservations (Mass.).....	..	1
Tucker, Mrs. L. C. ".....	1	..
United States Board Geographical Names.....	..	1
Bureau Education.....	..	4
Coast Survey.....	1	4
Commissioners of Labor.....	1	..
Commission Patents.....	11	†1
Comptroller Currency.....	1	1
Department Agriculture.....	..	18
Interior.....	13	27
Navy.....	..	1
State.....	1	27
Treasury.....	3	19
War.....	4	2
Fish Commission.....	2	..
Life Saving Service.....	1	..
Naval Observatory.....	2	..
Weather Bureau.....	†1	..

\*Magazines.

†Also Weekly Patent Office Reports.

‡Also Daily Weather Maps.



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	Books.	Pamph.
University Pennsylvania.....	.	3
Unknown sources.....	5	..
Vassar, estate of J. G.....	I	..
Waites, A., Worcester.....	..	I
Weston, Hon. B., Florence.....	I	..
Wood, H., Lowell.....	I	..
Yale University.....	..	2

APPENDIX H.—MAGAZINES, QUARTILIES AND REVIEWS NEEDED TO COMPLETE SETS.

Harper's Magazines (for duplicate sets)—January, March, April, May, 1853; February, 1856; vols. 16, 17, 18 and 19, from December, 1857, and including December, 1859; December, 1865; October, 1867; September, 1871; July, 1885; July, 1886, to date.

Scribner's and the Century (for duplicate sets)—Almost any. NOTE—Copies of the above magazines are always useful to take the place of worn-out copies.

Quarterly Review (London)—Vols. 78, 79, 159, '60 1884.)

United States Magazine and Democratic Review—Vols. 1-4 inclusive, (1837 and 1838), 7, 8, 9, (January, 1840 to January, 1844), 14, 15 (1844), 26-29 (1850-51) and any thereafter.

North American Review—Vol. 3, 1816, Vol. 7, 1818.

Edinburgh Review—Vols. 117-18, 1863.

Galaxy—Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8,

Lippincott's—Any number, but especially first two volumes.

Nineteenth Century—Any previous to July, 1884.

Our Young Folks—Any numbers.

Popular Science Review (English)—Any.

Every Saturday—Previous to 1872, first series.

British Quarterly Review—First 52 volumes previous to 1871.

Contemporary Review—First 34 volumes previous to 1879.

Appleton's Journal—Vols. 1, 2, 3.

Fortnightly Review—Any previous to 1884.

Punch—Any previous to 1870, from 1873 to 1882.

English Illustrated Magazine—Previous to 1883.

Andover Review—First three volumes, 1884-85.

Christian Examiner—Vols. 16-25, 1834-1839.

Unitarian Review—First fourteen volumes, 1874-1881.

Temple Bar—First 65 volumes, previous to 1882.

MacMillan's Magazine—First 44 volumes, prior to 1881. Vol. 52, April to November, 1885.

New Englander—First 32 volumes previous to 1874.

Littell's Living Age—Vols. 67-99, 1861-1868;

Chamber's Journal—Previous to 1864, 1870-84.

Good Words—Prior to 1860, 1869, 1872.

Nature—Vol. 5, October, 1871—May, 1872.

Bibliotheca Sacra—Vol. 42, 1885.

International Review—Vol. 1, (1874) later than 1882.

Westminster Review to 1871.

## Donations to the Reading Room---1891.

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The Newburyport Daily News . . . . .	News Publishing Co.
The Saturday Night . . . . .	Publishers.
The Standard . . . . .	Publishers.
Unitarian Review . . . . .	Am. Unitarian Association.
Christian Register . . . . .	" "
Congressional Record . . . . .	Hon. Wm. Cogswell.
Home Missionary . . . . .	E. S. Moseley.
Liberal Free Mason . . . . .	Joseph B. Lincoln.
New York Observer . . . . .	Hon. John N. Pike.
Congressional Directory . . . . .	E. S. Moseley.
Good Health . . . . .	Publishers.
Signal Service Weather Maps . . . . .	U. S. Dpt. Agriculture.
Official Gazette . . . . .	Patent Office.
Signs of the Times . . . . .	Publishers.
The Manifesto . . . . .	Publishers.
The Student's Journal . . . . .	Publishers.
The Christian Science Journal . . . . .	George Morrill.
The New Nation . . . . .	H. Newcomb.
Christian Statesman . . . . .	Publishers.
Free Russia . . . . .	"
Cook's Excursionist . . . . .	"
Christian Union . . . . .	W. W. Goodwin.
The Sun, Denver, Col. . . . .	Publishers.

## Publications in the Newburyport Free Reading Room.

### DAILIES.

Newburyport Morning Herald,	New York Herald,	morning
News (evening),	Journal of Commerce,	"
Standard (morning)	Star	"
Boston Advertiser (morning),	Sun	"
Herald	Times	"
Post	Tribune	"
Globe (evening),	World	"
Journal	Mail and Express (evening),	
Transcript	Post	"
Traveller	Albany, N. Y., Argus (morning),	
Portland, Me., Advertiser (evening)	Philadelphia, Pa., North American,	
Providence, R. I., Journal (morning)	morning),	
Chicago, Ill., Times	Congressional Record, Washington.	
Lynn Item (evening.)	Haverhill Gazette (evening.)	

### SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS.

Alta California, San Francisco,	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.,
Bradstreet's New York,	Machinist, N. Y.,
Christian Register, Boston,	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester, New
Christian Union, New York,	Hampshire,
Chronicle, San Francisco,	Nation, New York,
Commercial Bulletin, Boston,	Nature, London, England,
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.,	News, Charleston, S. C.,
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.,	Observer, N. Y.,
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.,	Pioneer-Press, St. Paul, Minn.,
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.,	Punch, London, England,
Financial and Commercial Chronicle,	Register, Mobile, Ala.,
New York,	Republican, Springfield, Mass.,
Forest and Stream, N. Y.,	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver, Col.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper, N. Y.,	Scientific American, New York,
Gazette, Montreal, Canada,	Builders' Edition, "
Gazette, Salem, Mass.,	Supplement, "
Graphic, London, England,	Signs of the Times, "
Harpers' Bazar, N. Y.,	Star, Washington, D. C.,
Weekly, N. Y.,	Times, Philadelphia, Pa.,
Young People, N. Y.,	Times, London, England,
Herald, Rutland, Vt.,	Tribune, Chicago, Ill.,
Independent, N. Y.,	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas,
Journal of Education, Boston,	Official Gazette, U. S. Patent Office.



## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Agriculturist, N. Y.,  
 Andover Review, Boston,  
 Arena,  
 Atlantic Monthly, Boston,  
 Ballou's Magazine "  
 Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.,  
 Century, N. Y.,  
 Current Literature, N. Y.,  
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, N. Y.  
 Forum, N. Y.,  
 Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia,  
 Harper's Magazine, N. Y.,  
 Household Magazine, Brattleboro'.Vt.,  
 Home Missionary, Boston,  
 Journal of Chemistry, Boston,

Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia,  
 Liberal Free Mason,  
 Life, New York,  
 Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia,  
 Littell's Living Age, Boston,  
 Naturalist, Philadelphia,  
 New England Magazine, Boston,  
 New Englander, New Haven, Conn.,  
 New World, Boston,  
 North American, N. Y.,  
 Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia,  
 Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.,  
 Popular Science Monthly, N. Y.,  
 St. Nicholas, N. Y.,  
 Unitarian Review, Boston,

## FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London,  
 Blackwood's, Edinburgh,  
 Cassell's Magazine, London,  
 Contemporary Review, London,  
 Edinburgh Review, Edinburgh,  
 English Illustrated Magazine, London,  
 Fortnightly Review, London,

Good Words, London,  
 London Quarterly Review, London,  
 Macmillan's Magazine, London,  
 Nineteenth Century, London,  
 Temple Bar, London,  
 Westminster Review, London,

## BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Chamber's Encyclopædia, 15 vols.  
 Brande's Encyclopædia, 2 vols.,  
 Lippincott's Biograph. Dictionary,  
 Lippincott's Gazetteer,  
 Anthon Classical Dictionary,  
 American Newspaper Annual,  
 Worcester's Dictionary,  
 Boston Directory,  
 Massachusetts Business Directory,  
 Newburyport Directory,  
 Revised Statutes of Massachusetts,  
 Poor's Manual of Railroads,  
 History of Woman Suffrage,  
 Shipping Record,  
 Catalogue of Public Library,  
 Bradley's Atlas of the World,

Map of the United States,  
 Map of Rockingham Co., N. H.,  
 Map of Essex County, Mass.,  
 Johnson's Atlas of the World,  
 New Eng. Business Directory,  
 The Pathfinder and Railway Guide,  
 Congressional Directory,  
 Quain's Directory of Medicine,  
 United States Dispensatory,  
 Clinical Therapeutics,  
 Diseases of the Stomach,  
 Diseases of the Liver,  
 Diseases of the Heart,  
 Diseases of the Kidney,  
 Diseases of the Nervous System,  
 On the Morphine Habit,

Supplement to the Statutes of Massachusetts.









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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 15, 1892. }

ORDERED, That the Report of the Directors, together with the accompanying reports, be transmitted to the City Council, agreeably to the requirements of section 5th of the ordinance concerning the Public Library.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Secretary.



## TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY—1893.

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ORRIN J. GURNEY, *Mayor*.

### ALDERMEN.

JOHN W. ALLEN, CHARLES W. PAGE, EBEN A. YOUNG,  
C. C. STOCKMAN, GEO. E. STICKNEY, ANDREW R. CURTIS.

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## DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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ORRIN J. GURNEY, Mayor .....	Ex-officio
RUDOLPH JACOBY, President of Common Council .....	"
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Trustee of Building Fund.....	"
ELISHA P. DODGE, " " " .....	"
EBEN F. STONE, " " " .....	"
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, term of office expires.....	1893
AMOS NOYES, " " .....	1894
SAMUEL C. BEANE, " " .....	1895
ENOCH C. ADAMS, " " .....	1896
CHARLES C. DAME, " " .....	1897
JOHN E. BAILEY, " " .....	1898
MOSES BROWN, " " .....	1899

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## TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY FUND.

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EDWARD S. MOSELEY,	WILLIAM H. SWASEY,
BENJ. HALE,	LAWRENCE B. CUSHING.
JOHN J. CURRIER.	

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LIBRARIAN.....	JOHN D. PARSONS.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN .....	EFFIE A. TENNEY.
EXTRA ASSISTANT.....	E. S. THURSTON.
SUPERINTENDENT OF READING ROOM.....	MARTHA P. LUNT.
JANITOR.....	DANIEL P. DONNELL,

ORGANIZATION  
OF THE  
Board of Directors of the Public Library  
FOR 1893.

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PRESIDENT,  
ORRIN J. GURNEY.

SECRETARY,  
JOHN D. PARSONS.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS.  
SAMUEL C. BEANE, E. C. ADAMS, WILLIAM R. JOHNSON.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIAN,  
AMOS NOYES, ELISHA P. DODGE, MOSES BROWN.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ROOM,  
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, E. P. DODGE, R. JACOBY.

COMMITTEE ON READING ROOM,  
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, ENOCH C. ADAMS, JOHN E. BAILEY.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS,  
ORRIN J. GURNEY, WM. R. JOHNSON, CHARLES C. DAME.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To the Honorable the Mayor and the City Council of Newburyport.*

GENTLEMEN:—In rendering their thirty-seventh annual report the directors take pleasure in testifying to the increasing usefulness of the Public Library, both for the general reader and for the special student.

While more than usual attention has been paid during the last year to the completing of imperfect collections of standard authors, and while a fair proportion of volumes for reference and of miscellaneous books has been added, special care has been given to supplying the library with works upon timely matters of historical and scientific interest, by whose use many readers, particularly of the younger class, may be enabled to supplant much desultory reading with the prosecution of more definite and important subjects.

The library needs a rearrangement according to subjects, both for the convenience of finding books, and for facility in systematic cataloguing. In many instances volumes on the same subject, or related subjects, are scattered through several alcoves, and need to be brought together in a single department. The librarian is fully alive to this need, and is devoting to it every hour which can be spared from his routine duties; but it is a laborious undertaking, and if it is to be thoroughly carried out, the librarian will need for a time an additional helper who shall have had experience in this kind of work. This rearrangement can

now be done at much less cost of time, labor and money, than years hence, and we advise that it be speedily carried to completion.

The additions to the library have probably equalled in value and importance those of any former year.

The Reading Room has become an almost indispensable feature of life in Newburyport. Some superior periodicals have been added during the last year, and the best publications have by far the largest reading.

By the death of Rev. Samuel J. Spaulding, D. D., our board has lost a valuable member. His wise and generous services for many years in this important trust are worthy of grateful commemoration. With the city at large we mourn the death of a citizen to whom all public and social interests were of first importance, and who made himself a faithful servant of our community.

You are respectfully referred to the Librarian's annual report, and to the reports of the several library funds, for other matters pertaining to the management of the Public Library.

O. J. GURNEY,	} Directors of the Public Library.
R. JACOBY,	
E. S. MOSELEY,	
E. P. DODGE,	
E. F. STONE,	
W. R. JOHNSON,	
AMOS NOYES,	
S. C. BEANE,	
E. C. ADAMS,	
C. C. DAME,	
J. E. BAILEY,	
MOSES BROWN,	

Newburyport, December 15, 1892.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Book Committee:*

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the 37th annual report of the Librarian of the Newburyport Public Library.

The whole number of volumes classified and shelved in the library at this time is 28,720. Of this number 690 have been added by purchase during the past year, 135 by donation. Fifty-seven have been withdrawn as worn out and useless, and of that number 17 were replaced. The statement of library growth is more fully set forth in appendix E.

The number of books withdrawn from the library for home use was 33,914, against 34,646 last year and 31,727 the preceeding year. At the annual examination eight were found to be lost or unaccounted for. Two of these have since been returned, leaving six as the number missing. Facts regarding the circulation of books are given in appendix F.

During the past year 532 new borrowers have registered, the names of 185 have been canceled, and the total number now entitled to the privileges of the library is 3,547.

The library has been open 284 days for the withdrawal of books, the reading room every day Sundays excepted. The average daily circulation has been 115, against 122 and 111 for the two previous years.

There have been sent to the bindery 376 volumes, of which

number about three-quarters were for repairs. In addition to this 578 volumes have been repaired at the library, and 1,910 have been covered.

Among the additions to the books of the library the past year worthy of special mention are the superbly illustrated "Army and Navy of the United States", a valuable historical work; "The Soldier in the Civil War"; and several illustrated descriptive works, from the Peabody fund, which has furnished more than one-half of all the volumes bought during the year. Mr. D. S. Burley of this city has donated a copy of Millspaugh's "Medicinal Plants", a costly work in which the plants are colored by hand; Mr. Charles G. Wood of Boston has contributed a copy of the "Gospels" illustrated by Bida; Capt. Geo. W. Creasey, a copy of the souvenir volume of the 24th national G. A. R. encampment.

Acknowledgments of other donations appear in appendix G, and in the appendices will be found further details of matters alluded to in this report or germane to the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.

## APPENDICES.

### APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation .....\$1,500 00

#### CREDITS.

From dog licenses.....	\$ 687 08	
From town of Newbury, use of library for year 1891.....	150 00	
		<u>\$ 837 08</u>
Total appropriation and income .....	\$2,337 08	
Amount overdrawn, transferred from incidentals to bal- ance account.....	352 89	
		<u>\$2,689 97</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

##### *Authorized by the City Council.*

John D. Parsons, services as librarian.....	\$1,000 00	
Cash paid for assistance in cataloguing ....	15 00	
Effie A. Tenney, services as asst. librarian.	300 00	
E. S. Thurston, services at library.....	26 38	
M. P. Lunt, salary as superintendent read- ing room.....	387 50	
		<u>\$1,728 88</u>
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$1,728 88</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$ 1,728 88
Daniel P. Donnell, janitor, and expenses ..	259 25
L. Jackson, binding books .....	108 25
Library bureau, sundries .....	20 45
Newburyport Dispatch, expressage .....	7 35
Sundry articles.....	1 65
W. E. Chase, insurance.....	397 50
Newburyport Herald Co., printing .....	29 25
Economy Printing Co., .....	4 25
Caleb B. Huse, printing reports, etc.....	30 00
D. Adler, binding.....	40 60
News Publishing Co., printing.....	8 75
Mrs. A. C. Hale, examining library .....	15 00
Almeda Perkins, labor at library .....	19 84
Bacheller, Dumas & Co., binding .....	14 85
Jackson & Co., expressage .....	4 10
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	\$2,689 97

*Miscellaneous.*

## RECEIPTS.

From balance beginning of year .....	\$ 54 34
From fines, etc .....	54 10
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	\$108 44

## EXPENDITURES.

Postage .....	\$ 15 50
Post-office boxes and key.....	5 25
Expressage and truckage.....	3 60
Sundry supplies and expenses.....	11 00
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	\$ 35 35
Balance.....	\$ 73 09



## APPENDIX B.—BUILDING FUND.

*To the Directors of the Public Library:*

The trustees to whom was committed the excess which remained in the hands of the treasurer over and above the sum required for the purchase and completion of the Public Library Building for the needs of the library and its adaption, also for a public reading room, all of which involved an outlay of nearly fifty thousand dollars, presented to the city as a free will offering by various donors whose names are on record, appended to the gift the wish that an annual statement should be submitted to the directors of the condition of the fund, which amounted to five thousand dollars.

In pursuance thereof the treasurer begs leave to report, that the principal was originally deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it still remains, and from whence it can be withdrawn only upon the written order of the trustees.

Notwithstanding the many expenses connected with repairs, etc. and in keeping the grounds in order, the original sum has increased, so that today there remains to the credit of this fund \$5,787.83. The account of the treasurer has always been annually audited, since the principal came into his hands in 1865.

Hon E. F. Stone has been selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death decease of the Rev. Dr. Spalding.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, } Trustees.  
E. P. DODGE, }

Newburyport, December 14, 1892.

## APPENDIX C.—PEABODY FUND.

The treasurer to whom was entrusted by Mr. George Peabody in the year 1867 his generous donation of fifteen thousand dollars “for the use and enlargement of the Public Library of the city of Newburyport” appended to the gift the request “that the income derived therefrom be kept separate and distinct from that derived from other sources and that an annual report of the condition of the fund and amount of income be prepared and published.”

In pursuance of Mr. Peabody’s directions, the treasurer therefore states for the information of the citizens, that the original sum was at once deposited in the Institution for Savings with the condition annexed that it should never be withdrawn, except upon the written order of the majority of the trustees, who have it in charge.

The income of the fund during the year and since the last report has been six hundred dollars, to which is added twenty-five dollars generously contributed by D. S. Burley, Esq.

We began the year with \$351.12 available for the current expenditure in books, which with the above named sums makes the total receipts to have been \$977, and there remains on hand at the present time of writing \$343.91. Three hundred and eighty-nine books have been purchased and placed on the shelves of the library. The treasurer’s account has always been regularly audited and the written statement of its correctness placed on file.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

The names of the trustees of the fund are hereto appended.

EDW. S. MOSELEY,  
WILLIAM H. SWASEY,  
BENJAMIN HALE,  
J. J. CURRIER,  
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING.

Newburyport, December 14, 1892.

# APPENDIX D.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS TRUST FUNDS.

## SAWYER FUND.

### *Receipts.*

1891.		
Dec. 12.	To balance.....	\$ 37 26
1892.	To income.....	225 00
1892.	Transferred from Frothingham to balance...	7 78
		<u>\$270 04</u>

### *Expenditures.*

1892.	Bills paid for books.....	\$123 42
1892.	By balance to new account.....	146 62
		<u>\$270 04</u>

## BRADBURY FUND.

### *Receipts.*

1891.		
Dec. 12.	To balance.....	\$25 00
1892.	To income.....	40 00
		<u>\$65 00</u>

### *Expenditures.*

1892.	Bills paid for books.....	\$39 13
1892.	By balance to new account.....	25 87
		<u>\$65 00</u>

## FROTHINGHAM FUND.

### *Receipts.*

1891.		
Dec. 12.	To balance from Green fund.....	\$ 1 12
1892.	To income.....	40 00
		<u>\$41 12</u>

*Expenditures.*

1892.	By bill paid for books.....	\$33 34
1892.	By balance to Sawyer fund.....	7 78
		<u>\$41 12</u>

## S. A. GREEN FUND.

*Receipts.*

1891.		
Dec. 12.	To balance.....	\$108 68
1892.	To income .....	80 00
		<u>\$188 68</u>

*Expenditures.*

1892.	By bills for books.....	\$ 55 75
1892.	By balance to new account.....	132 93
		<u>\$188 68</u>

## WILLIAMS FUND.

*Receipts.*

1891.		
Dec. 12.	To balance.....	\$ 17 22
1892.	To income .....	40 00
		<u>\$ 57 22</u>

*Expenditures.*

1892.	By bills for books.....	\$ 14 05
1891.	By balance to new account.....	43 17
		<u>\$ 57 22</u>

Above accounts examined and found to be correct.

W. R. JOHNSON,	} Committee
C. C. DAME,	
	on Finance.

Newburyport, November 28, 1892.



## APPENDIX D. 2.—TODD FUND.

*To the Directors:*

As is well known to you, our former townsman W. C. Todd, in token of the interest which he continued to feel in Newburyport, after the completion of the Public Library Building, and its adaption for a Public Reading Room as well, in the very kindest terms expressed his intention after its enlargement to provide the means whereby the current papers and periodicals of the day should be furnished for the use of all, but that he was induced to do this by the especial interest which he took in the ladies of the city, many of whom had been his pupils, when in charge of the High School.

Since the decease of the Rev. Dr. Spalding, who had in charge the funds remitted by Mr. Todd to carry out his object, he has sent the necessary sum to me. I have therefore to report that there was on hand at the time of Dr. Spalding's decease \$240.88. In July last Mr. Todd remitted me direct \$400, all of which has been disbursed by the librarian in payment of bills for newspapers, reviews and periodicals, and I have now on hand with which to commence the new year \$225.48.

I can not close without expressing, and I am sure you will all join with me, the obligations we are under to Mr. Todd for his generosity.

EDW. S. MOSELEY.

December 16, 1892.

1891.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Dec. 2.	To ck. S. J. Spalding (balance due).....	\$ 240 88
1892.		
July 1.	To ck. W. C. Todd.....	400 00
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		\$640 88

*Amount brought forward* .....\$640 88

1892.	Cr.	
Jan. 1.	By bill, S. H. Fowle.....	\$ 77 35
"	" A. H. Roffe & Co.....	141 25
"	" A. H. Roffe & Co. (left over) .....	19 50
July 6.	By bill, Literary World (2 years).	6 00
"	" Little, Brown & Co.....	5 50
"	" Pop. Science News (3 yrs)	3 00
"	" Newburyport Herald, 2 yrs	8 00
"	" A. H. Roffe & Co.....	68 60
"	" N. E. Magazine Co.....	3 00
"	" S. H. Fowle.....	40 65
"	" " .....	38 30
"	" P. O. box rent (3 years).	2 25
"	" Newbone Sumner .....	1 00
"	" Pop. Science News.....	1 00
Dec. 1.	By balance.....	225 48
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		\$ 640 88

## APPENDIX E.—STATEMENT OF LIBRARY INCREASE, WITH CLASSIFICATION.

Number of volumes per last report.....27,941  
 Added by purchase in 1892 :

From income of Peabody fund.....	389	
“ “ Sawyer “ .....	132	
“ “ Todd “ .....	74	
“ “ Frothingham fund.....	40	
“ “ Green fund.....	27	
“ “ Bradbury fund.....	15	
“ “ Williams “ .....	13	
	<u>690</u>	
Added by donations.....	135	
		<u>825</u>
Total .....	28,766	
Books lost or missing.....	6	
Books worn out and withdrawn.....	57	
	<u>63</u>	
Less number replaced.....	17	
		<u>46</u>
Present number of volumes in library .....	28,720	

The additions for the year may be classified as follows: general works 21; philosophy 4; religious 11; sociology 37; philology 1; natural science 37; useful arts 27; fine arts 26; general literature 119; fiction 242; travels and geography 52; biography 94; history 66; unclassified government documents 88.

## APPENDIX F.—CIRCULATION OF BOOKS, CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECTS.

During the year ending November 30, 1892, there were withdrawn from the library for home use 33,914 volumes, against 34,646 in 1891, and 31,727 in 1890. These books were classed as follows, the per centage of each class to the total being given :

	1892		1891		1890	
	No.	pr. ct.	No.	pr. ct.	No.	pr. ct.
Adult fiction.....	18,768	55.3	18,921	54.7	17,349	54.7
Juvenile literature.....	6,692	19.7	6,547	19.0	4,634	14.6
Miscellaneous literature.....	2,032	6.3	2,087	6.1	2,094	6.6
Travels, descriptions, etc....	1,682	4.9	2,071	5.7	2,507	7.9
History .....	1,340	3.9	1,506	4.4	1,808	5.7
Biography.....	1,134	3.3	1,421	4.0	1,317	4.1
Science and art.....	1,088	3.2	876	2.3	934	2.9
Magazines and reviews.....	482	1.4	515	1.6	402	1.3
Theology and religion .....	376	1.1	431	1.3	339	1.1
Phylosophy and Physical Science	320	0.9	271	0.9	339	1.1
	33,914	100.0	34,646	100.0	31,727	100.0



APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY, 1892-93.

	Books	Pamph.
American Antiquarian Society.....	1	..
American Unitarian Association.....	2	..
Amherst College.....	..	1
Angell, G. T.....	..	1
Atkins, F. H.....	1	..
Batchelder, C. E.....	..	1
Bowdoin College.....	..	1
Brett, W. H.....	..	1
Burley, D. S.....	2	..
Byington, E. H.....	..	1
Cartland, Joseph.....	4	..
Chicago Sunset Club.....	1	..
Clement, S. H.....	1	..
Clover, Lieut. Com. R., U. S. N.,.....	1	..
Cogswell, Hon. W. E.....	4	..
Creasey, Capt. G. W.....	1	..
Couch, Capt. R.....	1	24
Currier, J. J.....	1	..
Curson, Miss Mary.....	1	..
Cutter, A. E.....	..	1
Dava, R. H.....	..	1
Denver, University of.....	..	1
Dodge, Raynal.....	1	..
Eastburn, G.....	..	1
Goodell, A. C.....	..	1
Gordon, H. L.....	1	..
Hale, Joshua.....	1	..
Harvard University.....	1	1
Haskell, Mrs.....	..	*130
Hurd, E. P., M. D.....	1	..
Johnson, W. C.....	1	..

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\* Magazines.

	Books.	Pamph.
Library trustees' and librarians' reports, etc.....	..	..
Brooklyn .....	..	I
Buffalo .....	..	I
Cincinnati public.....	..	I
Cleveland public .....	..	I
Danvers, Peabody Institute .....	..	I
Fall River public.....	..	I
Georgetown public .....	..	I
Louisville, Polytechnic Society Ky .....	..	I
Lowell city.....	..	2
Lynn public .....	I	I
Milwaukee public .....	..	I
Minneapolis public.....	..	I
New Haven public .....	..	I
New York Mercantile.....	..	I
Newark public.....	..	I
Newberry, Chicago.....	..	I
Newton public.....	..	I
Omaha public .....	..	I
Peabody Institute, Peabody.....	..	I
Providence public .....	..	I
St. Louis Mercantile.....	I	I
"    public.....	..	I
San Francisco Mercantile.....	..	2
"    public .....	..	I
Salem public .....	..	I
Springfield public.....	..	I
Topsfield public.....	..	I
Watertown public.....	..	I
Woburn public.....	..	3
Worcester .....	..	2
Lunt, W. H.....	I	..
Mass. Soc. Promoting Agriculture.....	I	..
Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association.....	I	..
Mass., Commonwealth of.....	12	4
Merrill, W. H.....	4	..
Miami University.....	I	I

	Books.	Pamph.
Moseley, E. A.....	1	..
Newburyport, City of.....	2	..
Newburyport News Co.....	1	..
New Jersey, State of.....	2	..
Pennsylvania, University of.....	..	1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn .....	..	1
Reade, Capt. P .....	..	1
Short, Rev. C. L.....	1	..
Silloway, T. W.....	1	..
Smith, C. C.....	..	1
Smithsonian Institution .....	4	5
South California Bureau of Information.....	..	1
Spofford, Nelson.....	1	..
Stone, E. F .....	10	..
Stone, G. T .....	1	..
Bureau American Republics.....	6	1
United States Bureau of Education.....	..	8
Board Geographical Names.....	1	..
Civil Service Commission .....	4	6
Coast Survey .....	1	..
Commission of Education.....	2	..
Commission of Labor.....	1	..
Department Agriculture.....	..	†42
Interior .....	2	23
Navy .....	2	2
State .....	6	13
Treasury .....	11	15
War .....	8	..
Fish Commission.....	1	..
Unknown .....	1	3
University of Vermont.....	..	1
Wells, Miss H. S .....	1	..
Wood, C. G.....	2	..
Yale University .....	..	3

† Also publications of the weather bureau, maps, etc.

## Donations to the Reading Room—1892.

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The Newburyport Daily News.....	News Publishing Co.
The Item... ..	Publishers.
Christian Register.....	A Unitarian Association.
Congressional Record.....	Hon. William Cogswell.
Home Missionary.....	E. S. Moseley.
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike.
Congressional Directory.....	E. S. Moseley.
Signal Service Weather Maps .....	U. S. Dpt. Agriculture.
Official Gazette.....	Patent Office.
The Manifesto.....	Publishers.
The Student's Journal.....	Publishers.
The Christian Science Journal.....	George Morrill.
The New Nation.....	H. Newcomb.
Christian Statesman.....	Publishers.
Free Russia.....	Publishers.
Cook's Excursionist.....	Publishers.
Christian Union.....	W. W. Goodwin.
The Unitarian.....	Mrs. Swasey.



# Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room

## DAILIES.

Newburyport Morning Herald,	Salem Gazette (morning,)
News (evening,)	New York Herald, “
The Item, (semi-weekly,)	Journal of commerce “
Boston Advertiser, (morning,)	Star “
Herald “	Sun “
Post “	Times “
Globe (evening,)	Tribune “
Journal “	World “
Transcript “	Mail and Express (evening,)
Traveller “	Post “
Portland, Me., Advertiser (evening)	Philadelphia Pa., North American,
Providence, R.I., Journal (morning)	(morning,)
Chicago, Ill., Times “	Congressional Record, Washington
Lynn Item (evening,)	Haverhill Gazette (evening.)

## SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS.

Alta California, San Francisco,	Machinist, N. Y.,
Bradstreet's New York,	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester,
Christian Register, Boston,	New Hampshire,
Christian Union, New York,	Nation, New York,
Chronicle, San Francisco,	Nature, London England,
Commercial Bulletin, Boston,	News, Charlestown, S. C.,
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.,	Observer. N. Y.,
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.,	Pioneer-Press, St. Paul, Minn.,
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.,	Punch, London, England,
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.,	Register, Mobile, Ala.,
Financial and Commercial Chronicle, New York,	Republican, Springfield, Mass.,
Forest and Stream, New York,	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver,
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper, N. Y.,	Col.,
Gazette, Montreal, Canada,	Scientific American, New York,
Graphic, London, England,	Builders' Edition “
Harper's Bazar, N. Y.,	Supplement, “
Weekly, N. Y.,	Signs of the Times, “
Young People, N. Y.,	Star, Washington, D. C.,
Herald, Rutland, Vt.,	Times, Philadelphia, Pa.,
Independent, N. Y.,	Times, London, England,
Journal of Education, Boston,	Tribune, Chicago, Ill.,
Journal, Kansas City, Mo.,	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas,
	Official Gazette, U. S. Patent Office.

## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Agriculturist, N. Y.,  
 Andover Review, Boston,  
 Arena,  
 Atlanta Monthly, Boston,  
 Ballou's Magazine, "  
 Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.,  
 Century, N. Y.,  
 Current Literature, N. Y.,  
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly,  
 N. Y.,  
 Forum, N. Y.,  
 Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia,  
 Harper's Magazine, N. Y.,  
 Household Magazine, Brattleboro,  
 Vt.,  
 Home Missionary, Boston,  
 Ladies' Home Journal, Phila.

Liberal Free Mason,  
 Life, New York,  
 Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia,  
 Littell's Living Age, Boston,  
 Naturalist, Philadelphia,  
 New England Magazine, Boston,  
 New Englander, New Haven, Conn.,  
 New World, Boston,  
 North American, N. Y.,  
 Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia,  
 Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.,  
 Popular Science Monthly, N. Y.,  
 Popular Science News,  
 Queries,  
 St. Nicholas, N. Y.,  
 Unitarian Review, Boston.

## FOREIGN.

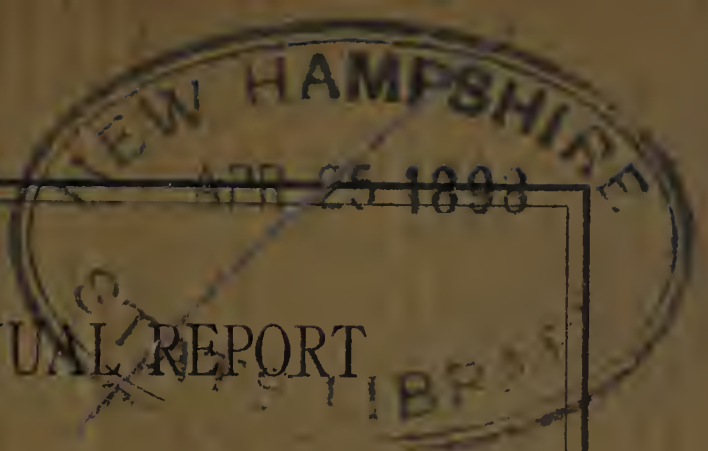
Art Journal, London,  
 Blackwood's Edinburgh,  
 Cassell's Magazine, London,  
 Contemporary Review, London,  
 Edinburgh Review, Edinburgh,  
 English Illustrated Magazine, London,  
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Fortnightly Review, London,  
 Good Words, London,  
 London Quarterly Review, London,  
 Macmillan's Magazine, London,  
 Nineteenth Century, London,  
 Temple Bar, London,  
 Westminster Review, London.









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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
NEWBURYPORT, December 14, 1893. }

ORDERED, That the Report of the Directors, together with the accompanying reports, be transmitted to the City Council, agreeably to the requirements of section 5th of the ordinance concerning the Public Library.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Secretary.



TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY—1894.

ORRIN J. GURNEY, *Mayor.*

ALDERMEN.

CHARLES H. BLISS,  
C. C. STOCKMAN,

CHARLES W. PAGE,  
GEO. E. STICKNEY,

EBEN A. YOUNG,  
ALVAH HOYT.

DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ORRIN J. GURNEY, Mayor	.	.	.	.	.	.	Ex officio.
ANDREW R. CURTIS, President of Common Council	.	.					“
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Trustee of Building Fund	.	.	.	.	.	.	“
ELISHA P. DODGE,	“	“	“	.	.	.	“
EBEN F. STONE,	“	“	“	.	.	.	“
AMOS NOYES, term of office expires	.	.	.	.	.	.	1894.
SAMUEL C. BEANE, term of office expires	.	.	.	.	.	.	1895.
ENOCH C. ADAMS,	“	“	“	.	.	.	1896.
CHARLES C. DAME,	“	“	“	.	.	.	1897.
JOHN E. BAILEY,	“	“	“	.	.	.	1898.
MOSES BROWN,	“	“	“	.	.	.	1899.
AMOS H. ADAMS,	“	“	“	.	.	.	1900.

TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY FUND.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY,  
BENJ. HALE,

WILLIAM H. SWASEY,  
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING,  
JOHN J. CURRIER.

LIBRARIAN . . . . .	JOHN D. PARSONS.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN . . . . .	EFFIE A. TENNEY.
EXTRA ASSISTANT . . . . .	E. S. THURSTON.
SUPERINTENDENT OF READING ROOM . . . . .	MARTHA P. LUNT.
JANITOR . . . . .	HERBERT A. MUTCH.

ORGANIZATION  
OF THE  
Board of Directors of the Public Library  
FOR 1894.

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PRESIDENT,  
ORRIN J. GURNEY.

SECRETARY,  
JOHN D. PARSONS.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS,  
SAMUEL C. BEANE, E. C. ADAMS, ~~AMOS NOYES~~  
W. R. Johnson

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~~AMOS NOYES~~, ELISHA P. DODGE, MOSES BROWN.  
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COMMITTEE ON READING ROOM,  
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, ENOCH C. ADAMS, JOHN E. BAILEY.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS,  
ORRIN J. GURNEY, ~~E. P. STONE~~, CHARLES C. DAME.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To the Honorable the Mayor and City Government  
of Newburyport.*

The thirty-eighth annual report of the librarian is before you, and also the reports of the custodians of the several library funds, leaving few facts for us to communicate.

We bear cordial testimony to the ability and faithfulness of the librarian and his assistants, not only in the discharge of their routine duties, but in advising and directing readers, especially the young and inexpert. We deem the latter a very important and valuable part of their labors.

The librarian's report gives assurance that there has been no loss of interest on the part of the public, but a gratifying increase of readers, especially of the younger class. During the last months of the present year this increase has been surprisingly great.

The reading-room is under excellent management, and is amply supplied with the best Ameri-

can papers and magazines, as well as some of the most valuable English periodicals. The fund given by William C. Todd, esq., to whose munificence we owe the public reading room, has, by his last donation, reached the amount of \$10,000.00, and the thanks of our people are increasingly due to this wise and generous friend of Newburyport.

The directors cannot but repeat their recommendation of a year ago, that the city government should further the work of re-arranging the library, and preparing a complete and convenient catalogue, by furnishing to the librarian for a while an expert assistant for this special purpose. Only one alcove contains books of a single class; elsewhere there has been little or no assorting and arranging of books by subjects or classes of subjects. The many supplements which have been added to the catalogue increase this confusion, and render the finding of volumes by both the reader and the librarian a weary and time-consuming labor. If this re-arrangement can be made now, then every new book as it is purchased can be put at once into its proper place; but if not, the library will every year increase in disorder, and the labor and expense of final classification will be exceedingly great. Financial economy, no less than public convenience, demands that this confusion be arrested before the library has reached greater proportions.

The library has appreciated in literary value since our last report, by the addition of a considerable number of carefully selected books, in different



departments, and gives promise of increased usefulness in future years.

O. J. GURNEY,  
R. JACOBY,  
E. S. MOSELEY,  
E. P. DODGE,  
E. F. STONE,  
W. R. JOHNSON,  
AMOS NOYES,  
S. C. BEANE,  
C. C. DAME,  
E. C. ADAMS,  
J. E. BAILEY,  
MOSES BROWN,

*Directors.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Book Committee.*

GENTLEMEN :—The thirty-eighth annual report of the librarian of the Newburyport public library is herewith submitted.

The whole number of books catalogued and shelved at the close of the library year was 29,547. Last year the number was 28,703. There have been added by purchase during the year 741 volumes, by donations 173 volumes. Of those purchased, 25 were to take the place of worn out volumes, of which there have been, during the year, 70 discarded. There have been 14 volumes lost, stolen or misplaced during the year. The net increase of the library was 844 books, against 745 the previous year. The statement of library growth is more fully set forth in appendix E.

The number of books withdrawn for home use was 36,213, against 33,914 last year. This increase in circulation has been most marked since the summer vacation, the figures for the past three months amounting to 10,011, against 8,034 for a corresponding period last year, a gain of about 25 per cent.

During the past year, 477 new borrowers have registered, the accounts of 63 have been cancelled, and the number of card-holders is now 4,087.

The library has been opened 282 days for the withdrawal of books, the reading room every day, Sundays excepted. The average daily circulation has been 128, against 115 last year.

There have been sent to the bindery for binding or for repairs,

310 volumes, besides which several hundred have been repaired at the library.

The librarian would renew his earnest recommendation that the question of classifying and cataloguing the library, be given serious attention.

The longer it is delayed the greater will be the work and the cost.

At the best, it would be a very expensive undertaking, as to do the work thoroughly, so that it would be complete for all time, cannot be reckoned at much less than 15 cents a volume. With 30,000 volumes in hand it is easy to figure this cost. It would, however, include scientific classification, the making of a card catalogue and the printing of a condensed catalogue or finding list.

Once systematized there would be no extra expense to speak of in keeping it up.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS,

*Librarian.*

Newburyport, December 11, 1893.

## APPENDICES.

### APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

City appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00
From town of Newbury, use of library for the year 1893 . . . . .	\$150 00
From dog licenses . . . . .	806 78
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	956 78
Total appropriation and income . . . . .	\$2,456 78
Amount overdrawn . . . . .	468 79
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	\$2,925 57

#### EXPENDITURES.

(Authorized by the City Council.)

Salaries . . . . .	\$2,001 27
Premiums on insurance policies . . . . .	498 76
Binding and rebinding books . . . . .	201 95
Printing and advertising . . . . .	150 00
Supplies . . . . .	39 86
Labor and sundries . . . . .	33 73
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	\$2,925 57

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Receipts from fines . . . . .	\$30 54
Balance on hand . . . . .	73 09
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	\$103 63

#### EXPENDITURES.

Sundry supplies and miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	\$23 45
Postage, wrappers, etc. . . . .	13 40
Rentals, post office boxes . . . . .	6 00
Express, freight, truckage . . . . .	4 30
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	47 15
Balance . . . . .	\$56 48



## APPENDIX B — BUILDING FUND.

In accordance with the request of the donors of the fund for the purchase and equipment of the public library building, that an annual statement of the condition of said fund should be submitted to the directors of the library, I beg leave to report: After the completion of the work, the sum of \$5,000.00 remained over and above the \$50,000.00 subscribed and expended in the preparation of the building, which was deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it is still invested. It was decided to make this the nucleus of a permanent fund, the income of which should be employed in making such necessary repairs and improvements in the library building as should be called for from time to time. Notwithstanding hundreds of dollars of this income have been expended, first and last, the principal has increased, and, by judicious economy, it has now reached the sum of \$6,008.50. During the past year \$51.03 have been expended for various minor repairs. This account has been audited, according to custom and a certificate of the same attached to the book.

E. S. MOSELEY,  
(*Treasurer.*)

E. P. DODGE,

E. F. STONE,

*Trustees.*

Newburyport, December 11, 1893.

## APPENDIX C.—PEABODY FUND.

Among the many generous donations of the late George Peabody was one of \$15,000.00 to this library. The only stipulation made when it was passed to the present treasurer was that a board of trustees for the management of the fund should be created, that the income should be kept separate and distinct from that derived from other sources, and that an annual report should be prepared and published. These requirements have always been faithfully adhered to, and in pursuance of the same the treasurer herewith reports that the original sum, deposited in the Institution for Savings, still continues there invested with the condition annexed that it can never be withdrawn save on written order of a majority of the trustees. The income during the past year has been \$600.00, which, added to the balance available at the close of the last year, \$343.91, makes \$943.91. Of this sum, \$575.23 have been expended during the year for the purchase of 348 books, leaving a balance in hand of \$368.68. This account has also been audited.

Some idea of what this gift of Mr. Peabody means for the library and the city may be learned when it is stated that during the 26 years the income has been expended, 7,302 books have been added. This amounts to about 25 per cent of all the books in the library, which contained over 12,000 volumes before this valuable source of supply was received. Special pains have always been taken to purchase books of a high standard and therefore having a permanent value, and the standard of the library is therefore kept on a high plane.

E. S. MOSELEY,  
(*Treasurer.*)

W. H. SWASEY,  
BENJAMIN HALE,  
J. J. CURRIER,  
L. B. CUSHING,  
*Trustees.*

Newburyport, December 12, 1893.

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APPENDIX D.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM  
VARIOUS TRUST FUNDS.

## SAWYER FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1892.					
Nov. 28.	To balance	.	.	.	\$146 62
1893.	“ income .	.	.	.	225 00

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\$371 62

## EXPENDITURES.

1893.	By bills paid for books	.	.	.	\$178 03
	“ balance	.	.	.	193 59

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\$371 62

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## BRADBURY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1892.					
Nov. 28.	To balance	.	.	.	\$25 87
1893.	“ income .	.	.	.	40 00

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\$65 87

## EXPENDITURES.

1893.	By bills for books	.	.	.	\$34 11
	“ balance	.	.	.	31 76

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\$65 87

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## FROTHINGHAM FUND.

1893.	To income .	.	.	.	.	\$40 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

1893.	By bills for books	.	.	.	\$30 69
	“ balance	.	.	.	9 31

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\$40 00

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## S. A. GREEN FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1892.					
Nov. 28.	To balance	.	.	.	\$132 93
1893.	“ income	.	.	.	80 00
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					\$212 93

## EXPENDITURES.

1893.	By bills for books	.	.	.	\$76 13
	“ balance	.	.	.	136 80
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					\$212 93

## ABRAM A. WILLIAMS FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1892.					
Nov. 28.	To balance	.	.	.	\$43 17
1893.	“ income	.	.	.	40 00
					<hr/>
					\$83 17

## EXPENDITURES.

1893.	By bills for books	.	.	.	\$58 07
	“ balance	.	.	.	25 10
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					\$83 17

Above accounts examined with accompanying vouchers, and found correct.

O. J. GURNEY,  
WM. R. JOHNSON,  
*Finance Committee.*



## APPENDIX D. 2.—TODD FUND.

Since the date of the last annual report, Hon. W. C. Todd, who has annually contributed \$400.00 for the support of the reading room, has paid over to the city the principal of which this sum represented the interest at 4 per cent per annum, viz : \$10,000.00. This amount is invested in a city note bearing interest at 4 per cent and payable semi-annually. While the sum was not deposited in the city treasury until some time after the beginning of the new year, the interest on the same was calculated from Jan. 1, so that there was no interruption or falling off in the income. The financial statement is as follows :

1892.

Dec. 1. To balance . . . . .	\$225 48
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1893.

July 1. " income . . . . .	200 00
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\$425 48

## EXPENDITURES.

By bills, S. H. Fowle . . . . .	\$213 70
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" " A. H. Roffe & Co. . . . .	143 50
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" " offices of publication . . . . .	22 25
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" balance . . . . .	46 03
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\$425 48

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# APPENDIX E.—LIBRARY INCREASE, WITH CLASSIFICATION.

Number of volumes last reported (corrected)	.	.	28,703
Added by purchase in 1893 :			
Peabody fund	.	.	348
Sawyer “	.	.	219
Todd “	.	.	60
Frothingham fund	.	.	43
Williams “	.	.	39
Bradbury “	.	.	18
Green “	.	.	15
			<hr/> 741
Less volumes replaced	.	.	25
			<hr/> 716
Added by donations	.	.	173
			<hr/>
Total new volumes	.	.	889
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			29,592
Lost or missing	.	.	14
Withdrawn (worn out)	.	.	56
			<hr/> 70
Less number replaced	.	.	25
			<hr/>
			45
			<hr/>
			29,547

Net increase in 1893, 844 ; in 1892, 745.

These volumes may be roughly classified as follows : Fiction, 272 (of which 56 were juveniles) ; literature (including poetry, drama, oratory, letters, satire and humor), 93 ; biography, 94 ; magazines, 63 ; adventure, travel or descriptive, 55 ; social and political science, 52 ; history, 43 ; natural science, 24 ; theological, 18 ; fine arts, 17 ; useful arts, 14 ; general works, 14 ; philosophy, 5 ; philology, 2 ; unclassified (chiefly government publications), 148.

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APPENDIX F.—CIRCULATION OF BOOKS, 1893, CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECTS.

During the year ending November 29, 1893, there were withdrawn from the library for home use, 36,213 books. These volumes were classed as follows, and are compared with previous years :

	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.
Adult fiction . . . . .	19,524	18,768	18,921	17,349
Juvenile literature . . . . .	8,014	6,692	6,547	4,634
Miscellaneous literature . . . . .	2,203	2,032	2,087	2,094
Travel, descriptive, etc. . . . .	1,970	1,682	2,071	2,507
History . . . . .	1,333	1,340	1,506	1,808
Biography . . . . .	1,078	1,134	1,421	1,317
Science and art . . . . .	1,040	1,088	876	934
Magazines and reviews . . . . .	461	482	515	402
Philosophy and sociology . . . . .	325	320	271	339
Theology and religion . . . . .	265	376	431	339
Totals . . . . .	36,213	33,914	34,646	31,727

## APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NOTE.—Acknowledgements of pamphlets include those received to April 18, 1894.

	BOOKS.	PAMPH.
American Republics, Bureau of . . . . .	4	5
Amherst College . . . . .	..	1
Argentine com. to Exposition . . . . .	1	1
Boston Children's Hospital . . . . .	..	1
Bowdoin College . . . . .	..	1
Bridgewater Normal School . . . . .	..	1
British com. to Exposition . . . . .	..	1
Brooks, F. A., Boston . . . . .	..	1
Burdett College, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Chicago Sunset Club . . . . .	1	..
Clark, G. H., D. D., Hartford . . . . .	1	..
Clarke, W. B. & Co., Boston . . . . .	..	1
Cogswell, Hon. W., M. C. . . . .	52	..
Cotgreaves, A. W., Ham. Guernsey . . . . .	..	1
Currier, E. H., Washington Heights, N. Y. . . . .	1	1
Currier, J. J. . . . .	1	..
Dodd, Mead & Co., N. Y. . . . .	..	2
Hackett, F. W., Portsmouth, N. H. . . . .	..	1
Hale, Capt. Joshua . . . . .	1	..
Harvard University, Cambridge . . . . .	1	1
Haverhill, city of . . . . .	1	..
Hill, N. P. . . . .	1	..
Hovey, Mrs. H. E., Somerville . . . . .	1	..
Hurd, E. P., M. D. . . . .	1	..
Indian Rights Asso., Phila. . . . .	..	1
Japanese com. to Exposition . . . . .	..	4
Kinnicutt & Dewitt, Worcester . . . . .	1	..
Library trustees' and librarians' reports, catalogues, bulletins, etc. :		
Baltimore, Enoch Pratt library . . . . .	..	1
Boston public . . . . .	..	1
Brooklyn, Mercantile . . . . .	..	1
Buffalo public . . . . .	..	1
Chicago public . . . . .	..	1
Cincinnati public . . . . .	..	1



						BOOKS.	PAMPH.
Concord (Mass.) free public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Everett public	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Fairhaven, Millicent public	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Fall River public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Georgetown, Peabody	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Hamilton (Ont.) public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Handsworth (Eng.)	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Helena public	.	.	.	.	.	..	5
Jersey City free public	.	.	.	.	.	..	21
Lawrence public	.	.	.	.	.	..	7
Lynn public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Massachusetts State	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Minneapolis public	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
New Jersey State	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
New York, Maimonides	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
“ Mercantile	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Newark public	.	.	.	.	.	1	1
Newton free	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Peabody, Peabody Institute	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Portland (Ore )	.	.	.	.	.	..	3
Providence public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Salem public	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
San Francisco Mercantile	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Springfield city	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Swansea (Wales)	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Taunton public	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Waterbury, Silas Bronson	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Watertown public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Woburn public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Worcester public	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Little, William, Newbury	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Macintosh, H. P.	.	.	.	.	.	1	..
Maine Asso. Rockland	.	.	.	.	.	..	2
Mass. Commonwealth of	.	.	.	.	.	12	3
“ Institute of Technology	.	.	.	.	.	..	1
Miami University	.	.	.	.	.	..	1

	BOOKS.	PAMPH.
Moseley, E. S. . . . .	1	4
National Civil Service Reform League . . . . .	..	1
N. E. Conference Eduational Workers . . . . .	..	1
N. E. Historical and Genealogical Society . . . . .	..	1
Newburyport, Anna Jaques hospital asso. . . . .	..	1
“ city of . . . . .	2	2
“ Herald Publishing Co. . . . .	4	..
“ News Publishing Co. . . . .	1	..
“ Y. W. C. A. . . . .	..	1
Page, Miss, Atkinson, N. H. . . . .	..	1
Perkins Inst. for Blind, Boston . . . . .	..	1
Perry, O. H., Lowell . . . . .	1	..
Philadelphia Public Ledger . . . . .	..	1
Pike, Hon. John N. . . . .	14	..
Pope, A. A., Boston . . . . .	..	1
Pope, Rev. L. A. . . . .	..	5
Salisbury, S., Worcester . . . . .	1	..
Sinclair, Rev. B. D. . . . .	1	..
Smithsonian Institution, Washington . . . . .	5	13
Stewart, Hon. W. M. . . . .	..	1
Stone, Hon. E. F. . . . .	10	..
Stone, G. T., Chicago . . . . .	1	1
United States Coast and Geodetic Survey . . . . .	..	5
Commission of Labor . . . . .	3	..
*Department Agriculture . . . . .	..	15
Interior . . . . .	4	..
Bureau of education . . . . .	3	7
Census burean . . . . .	2	..
State . . . . .	15	14
Treasury . . . . .	3	17
Wal . . . . .	6	2
Fish commission . . . . .	2	..
Life Saving Service . . . . .	1	..
University of Penn . . . . .	..	2
Volta burean . . . . .	1	..

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\*Also publications of the weather bureau, maps, etc.

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	BOOKS.	PAMPH.
Washington University, St. Louis . . .	1	
Winchester Home for Aged Women, Boston . . .	1	
Women's Medical College, Phila. . . .	1	
Yale University . . . . .	3	

# Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room

## DAILIES.

Newburyport Herald (morning),	Portland, Me., Advertiser (evening),
“ News (evening),	Salem Gazette (morning)
Boston Advertiser (morning),	New York Herald (morning),
“ Herald “	“ Star “
“ Post “	“ Sun “
“ Globe (evening),	“ Times “
“ Journal “	“ Tribune “
“ Transcript “	“ World “
“ Traveller “	“ Mail and Express (evening),
Haverhill Gazette “	“ Post (evening),
Lynn Item “	Congressional Record, Washington.

## SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS.

Alta California, San Francisco,	Item (weekly), Newburyport,
Bradstreet's, New York,	Journal of Education, Boston,
Christian Register, Boston,	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
Christian Union, New York,	Machinist, New York,
Chronicle, San Francisco,	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester, N. H.
Commercial Bulletin, Boston,	Nation, New York.
Constitution. Atlanta, Ga.	Nature, London, Eng.
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.	News, Charleston, S. C.
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	Observer, New York,
Electrical World, New York,	Pioneer-Press, St. Paul, Minn.
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.	Punch, London, Eng.
Financial and Commercial Chronicle,	Register, Mobile, Ala.
New York.	Republican, Springfield,
Forest and Stream, New York.	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver, Colo.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper,	Scientific American, New York,
New York.	“ “ (builders' edition),
Gazette, Montreal, Canada,	“ “ Supplement,
Graphic, London, Eng.	Signs of the Times, New York,
Harper's Bazar, New York,	Star, Washington, D. C.
“ Weekly, “	Times, Philadelphia,
“ Young People, New York,	Times, London, Eng.
Herald, Rutland, Vt.	Tribune, Chicago,
Independent, New York,	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas.

Official Gazette, U. S. Patent Office.



## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Agriculturist, N. Y.	Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia,
Arena, Boston.	Littell's Living Age, Boston,
Atlantic Monthly, Boston,	Munsey's Magazine, N. Y.
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.	Naturalist, Philadelphia,
Century, N. Y.	New England Magazine, Boston,
Cosmopolitan, N. Y.	New World, Boston,
Current Literature, N. Y.	North American, N. Y.
Donahoe's Magazine, Boston.	Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia,
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, N.Y.	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.
Forum, N. Y.	Popular Science Monthly, N. Y.
Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia,	Popular Science News,
Harper's Magazine, N. Y.	Queries,
Household, Boston,	Review of Reviews, N. Y.
Home Missionary, Boston,	St. Nicholas, N. Y.
Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia.	Unitarian Review, Boston.
Life, N. Y.	

## FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London,	Fortnightly Review, London,
Blackwood's, Edinburg,	Good Words, London,
Cassell's Magazine, London,	London Quarterly Review, London,
Contemporary Review, London,	Macmillan's Magazine, London,
Edinburg Review, Edinburg,	Nineteenth Century, London,
English Illustrated Magazine, London,	Temple Bar, London,
Westminster Review, London.	

## Donations to the Reading Room.

The Newburyport Daily News	.	.	.	.	.	News Publishing Co.
The Item	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Christian Register	.	.	.	.	.	A. Unitarian Association.
Congressional Record	.	.	.	.	.	Hon. William Cogswell.
Home Missionary	.	.	.	.	.	E. S. Moseley.
New York Observer	.	.	.	.	.	Hon. John N. Pike.
Congressional Directory	.	.	.	.	.	E. S. Moseley.
Signal Service Weather Maps	.	.	.	.	.	U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Official Gazette	.	.	.	.	.	Patent Office.
The Manifesto	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
The Christian Science Journal	.	.	.	.	.	George Morrill.
Christian Statesman	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Free Russia	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Cook's Excursionist	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
The Outlook	.	.	.	.	.	W. W. Goodwin.
The Unitarian	.	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Swasey.
The Churchman	.	.	.	.	.	St. Paul's Parish.
St. Andrew's Cross	.	.	.	.	.	St. Paul's Parish.
The Tablet	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Good Government	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Science	.	.	.	.	.	Publishers.
Boston Sunday Globe	.	.	.	.	.	Librarian.
Boston Sunday Herald	.	.	.	.	.	Librarian.
Boston Sunday Post	.	.	.	.	.	Librarian.







*Owing to a misunderstanding.  
no Library Reports for 1894 were  
published separately from their  
appearance in the general volume  
of municipal documents.*

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
NEWBURYPORT, December 16, 1895. }

ORDERED, That the report of the directors, together with the accompanying reports, be transmitted to the city council, agreeably to the requirements of section 5th of the ordinance concerning the public library.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Secretary.



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ELISHA P. DODGE, “ “ “ .....	“
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING, “ “ “ .....	“
ENOCH C. ADAMS, term of office expires.....	1896
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JOHN E. BAILEY, “ “ .....	1898
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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	EFFIE A. TENNEY
EXTRA ASSISTANT.....	E. S. THURSTON
SUPERINTENDENT OF READING ROOM.....	MARTHA P. LUNT
JANITOR.....	DEXTER W. NUTTING

ORGANIZATION  
OF THE  
Board of Directors of the Public Library  
For 1896

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—The directors of the public library hereby submit their fortieth annual report. For the detail of the year's work they would refer you to the report of the librarian. The condition of the funds is fully indicated by the reports of the committee in whose care they are placed.

The usual increase in the number of books has been made during the year. The book committee have endeavored to place upon the library shelves books that shall prove of lasting value, both in themselves and in their influence upon those who read them. This policy with the lapse of years will make our library an increasing power for intellectual and moral good. The demand for so-called popular books is, however, very great, often too great to be resisted. It is everywhere noticeable that the books most read are not those of great literary merit or of permanent interest, but those that happen to be in vogue. It may not be possible for the directors of any library to change radically the taste of the reading public, but we do believe that by ju-

ditions management the reading of better books may be greatly encouraged and largely increased. An effort of this kind, made in our own library, proves this true. The careful attention that has been paid to the selection of juvenile literature has, within a comparatively short time, had a marked influence upon the character of the books read by the boys and girls of our city. That such work is the obvious duty of a library management is more clearly manifest when it is admitted that many parents are either unable to select books for their children or are wholly indifferent about the matter.

On account of the numberless bad and indifferent books that are almost thrust into the hands of thoughtless readers, it is all the more incumbent upon those having library interests in their care to see that good books are not only purchased but also placed before the public in such a way that our citizens may know their general character. It would be advisable, we believe, to publish, at least once a month in our local papers a list of books—old as well as new—calling attention to their general character and when possible to their chief excellence. This would be of special value when great questions and interests are in the public mind, as it would enable readers to select readily the books that would be most helpful to them.

While it may not be possible to turn attention wholly away from worthless and ephemeral works of fiction—things that pass in a night—it is certainly the duty of public library boards and librarians



to exert every effort to divert attention from works that poison and degrade thought and feeling to those that sweeten and uplift life. These considerations bring us to a most important subject, to which attention has already been called in more than one report. A new catalogue is a necessity. The increase in the number of books has made this necessity only more imperative. Delay will make the present confusion greater and in the end increase the expense. The first cost will be considerable, but when the work of cataloguing is once thoroughly done all new books can be easily classified and catalogued. The library should at once be classified, a card catalogue made, and finding lists printed. The public as well as our librarian and his assistants have a right to expect that this work will be done without unreasonable delay. In view of the situation, this board would respectfully recommend that a special appropriation be made by the city council to defray the expense of classifying and cataloguing the library. This board also believe in the advisability of placing the books of reference in a room by themselves that they may be more easily consulted. Such an arrangement, which would be of great advantage and convenience to all who use encyclopedias and other books of reference, could be made without expense.

We would not close this report without referring to the loss felt by this board in the death of their fellow-member, Hon. Eben F. Stone. Perhaps we can not do better than to introduce the resolu-

tion passed by the board on the occasion of Mr. Stone's death.

Resolved, That by the death of Honorable Eben. Francis Stone this board has suffered the loss of a member who has rendered long and generous service to the public library and to the city ; a wise and estimable associate, a man and citizen without reproach ; and that our intimacy with him in this official relation will be cherished by us in grateful recollection.

ORRIN J. GURNEY,  
ANDREW R. CURTIS,  
E. S. MOSELEY,  
E. P. DODGE,  
L. B. CUSHING,  
S. C. BEANE,  
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W. R. JOHNSON,  
*Directors.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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GENTLEMEN :—In my last annual report I stated as follows :  
“The number of books withdrawn for home use during the year (1894) was 38,565, the largest in the history of the library and an increase of 2352 volumes over the previous year, which up to that time had not been exceeded. The most marked increase was noticed during the four winter months (Dec. 1893 to March 1894), the time of business and trade depression, when the circulation rose to an increase of 18 per cent. over that of a corresponding period of the year preceding. With April it began to drop to the normal.”

This year I have to report that the withdrawal of books for home use from Dec. 1, 1894, to Nov. 30, 1895, amounted to 38,830 volumes, or 265 more than during the year preceding, tending to show that the increase in circulation for the period above noted was more than temporary, and many who turned to the library when time hung heavily on their hands have learned its value and, as cold weather approached again, continued to avail themselves of its privileges.

At the close of the last library year there were 30,194 volumes on the shelves. There have been added since the last report 709 new books (346 by the Peabody fund). Thirty-three volumes have been withdrawn as worn out and worthless of which 11 were replaced. The number lost, stolen, missing or otherwise unaccounted for is 37.

While the proportion is less than 1-10th of one per cent. of the amount of books circulated it is still a great annoyance, since it is an ambition of every librarian to keep such losses down to a



minimum. Every effort to trace missing books is made, that seems possible. Within a reasonable time after they are overdue a printed form is sent to the delinquent calling his or her attention to the oversight. After a sufficient time has elapsed a second notification, so marked in red, is sent. Neither of these coming back through the post office is good evidence that they have been properly delivered. Often a third warning in the form of a private note from the librarian is mailed. These efforts proving of no purport complaint is formally made to the police department that a certain book was delivered to this or that party at such a date, said person neglecting to return it after repeated demands. When this is done the city marshal sends an officer to the residence of the delinquent and demands the book. Almost without exception, providing the person is found, the officer obtains the book and many volumes have been recovered by the police, who are always ready to lend their services. Other books lost are chargeable to the floating population, a factor not so prominent in the community years ago. A dozen demands have come back from the post office the past year endorsed "Cannot be found." As we know that the efforts of the letter carriers to find an addressee under our postal system is something more than perfunctory, such a reply invariably means that the case is hopeless.

To the natural query how do other cities in which the fluctuations in population are greater than in Newburyport meet such cases, the answer is that they employ more searching methods before issuing card privileges and do not place as many privileges in the hands of borrowers.

Most libraries require a guarantee in the person of some responsible citizen before issuing a card to a stranger, a guaranty which carries with it full responsibility for all the borrower's dealings with a library, and it is not customary to allow the public to select a book from a large number exposed on the desk.

In this connection it may be remarked that it has been the policy of the librarian to extend the value of the library to the uses of the public as far as possible, and to allow the largest, fullest and freest privileges possible, endeavoring to discover new rather than curtail old ones.



How far he is justified it is for you to determine. It can be said, however, that to set in motion rules by which many large libraries are governed would result in reducing the circulation fully one-third, especially in the lack of a new and up to date catalogue, unless the force was greatly augmented by assistants whose memories could take the place of a catalogue, and that would require years of special training and experience.

Unless some other safeguards which will not interfere with the usefulness of the library can be devised the librarian is convinced that it is better to stand the loss of 1-10th of one per cent. of the books a year, and, by the way, they are almost invariably cheap novels, than to abridge the privileges of the public. To lose a whole library once in something over 1000 years would doubtless be bad, but worse things could happen.

During the year 642 new borrowers have registered, the accounts of 88 have been canceled, leaving the number of regular card holders now 5160 against 4606 a year ago. There are in addition 145 school cards held by 29 teachers, and 76 pupils' cards, making a total of 5381 accounts.

The library has been opened for the withdrawal of books 282 days and the average daily circulation has been a fraction less than 138 against 137, 128 and 115 for the three previous years. The largest withdrawal was 384 on Feb. 23. There have been sent to the bindery for binding, rebinding or repairs 603 volumes. Where it has been possible so to do books have been repaired at the library and the usefulness of several hundred such have been preserved.

Scientific classification and a permanent catalogue is still the great need of the library. To do this work thoroughly it is usual to reckon the expense on a basis of 15 cents a volume. This would amount to \$4500 for the library at present, and it is easy to reckon how the figures will grow from year to year. Classification—the bringing of works on a given subject into juxtaposition, the gathering of allied subjects in groups—is first needed. Then should come a card catalogue showing exactly the resources of the library on the very day it is consulted. Finding-lists, a sort of a

catalogue abstract, should be printed from time to time for use away from the library.

In one other respect could the usefulness of the library be greatly extended, and that is by the creation of a separate reference department. There should be set apart a room in which should be placed the various cyclopedias, dictionaries and pure works of reference not adapted to outside circulation. These should be free to the public without the necessity of first calling on an attendant to deliver them. I cannot urge this too strongly. In all progressive public libraries it is regarded of the first importance and in this particular we should not be behind. The question of location and extra attendance naturally arises, but that could be easily met. The proper place for this library is the reading room. There is room on the walls for building shelves which would accommodate hundreds of volumes, certainly all that is necessary for a start. It would relieve the library proper from much pressure which ought not to exist, and would many times expand the value of the reading room. Some little rearrangement of the room might be necessary, but only a little, and no extra attendant would be demanded.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.

Newburyport, Nov. 30, 1895.

## APPENDICES

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### APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

City appropriation.....	\$1850 00
From town of Newbury, use of library, 1895.....	\$150 00
From dog licenses.....	786 83
	<hr/> 936 86
Total appropriation and income.....	\$2,786 83
Amount overdrawn.....	23 52
	<hr/> \$2,810 35

#### EXPENDITURES

Authorized by the City Council.

Salaries.....	\$2,353 08
Binding and rebinding books.....	205 72
Insurance premium.....	75 00
Supplies.....	57 15
Stock and labor.....	52 45
Printing and advertising.....	48 75
Examining library.....	15 00
Express.....	3 20
	<hr/> \$2,810 35

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Receipts from fines and book lost.....	\$37 65
Balance from last year.....	40 93
	<hr/> \$79 58

#### EXPENDITURES

Supplies and miscellaneous.....	\$21 65
P. O. boxes, stamps, etc.....	18 64
Express, freight, truckage.....	6 75— 47 04
	<hr/> \$32 54

## APPENDIX B.—BUILDING FUND.

The building fund of \$5000 left over after the present library building was purchased and equipped through private donations has never been impaired, and although hundreds of dollars have been spent for necessary repairs during the past 28 years it now amounts, with accretions of interest, to over \$6000. During the past year several minor bills for repairs have been paid, receipts for which are on file as vouchers, and a balance of \$30.30 is on deposit. Lawrence B. Cushing has been selected by the surviving members to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. E. F. Stone.

E. S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.  
E. P. DODGE, } Trustees.  
L. B. CUSHING, }

Newburyport, Nov. 30, 1895.



## APPENDIX C.—PEABODY FUND.

As was requested by the late George Peabody that the trustees of the Peabody fund should annually report its condition and doings as trustees, the board herewith reports: That the original sum of \$15,000 continues as originally invested on deposit in the Institution for Savings.

The income during the past year has been \$600 as usual with the balance on hand made \$1063.68. There have been purchased during the year 345 volumes at an expense of \$573.32, leaving a balance in hand of \$490.36.

The 346 books added to the 7608 put into the library since the fund became available in 1867 makes a total of 7954 volumes which can be credited to the Peabody fund.

Since our last report the board has been called on to mourn the death of one of its esteemed and honored associates in the person of Hon. E. F. Stone. The vacancy occasioned by his demise has been filled by the choice of Lawrence B. Cushing as his successor.

This account has been audited and a certificate of correctness appended to the book.

E. S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.  
BENJ. HALE,  
W. H. SWASEY,  
JOHN J. CURRIER,  
L. B. CUSHING.

Newburyport, Nov. 30, 1895.

## APPENDIX D.—THE TODD FUND.

The donation of \$10,000 by Hon. William C Todd, for the support of a free reading room, is invested in a city note yielding \$400 annually. There are at present on file at the reading room 22 daily newspapers, 50 semi-weekly, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals, 35 domestic magazines and quarterlies, and 16 foreign ditto. Of these 123 publications 19 are donations and 104 have been subscribed for at an expense of \$378 for the year.

## OTHER FUNDS

The other funds are the Sawyer, Frothingham, Bradbury, Williams and Green, the incomes of which are respectively \$225, \$40, \$40, \$40 and \$80. There have been purchased and credited to the funds 199 books at an expense of \$202.59.

# APPENDIX E.—STATEMENT OF LIBRARY INCREASE, WITH CLASSIFICATION.

Number of volumes last reported.....	30,194
Added by purchase in 1895 :	
Peabody fund.....	346
Sawyer fund.....	96
Todd fund.....	79
Frothingham fund.....	47
Williams fund.....	27
Bradbury fund.....	23
Green fund.....	5
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	623
Less volumes replaced.....	11
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	612
Added by donations.....	83
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Total number of new volumes.....	695
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	30,889
Withdrawn (worn out).....	33
Lost or missing.....	37
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	70
Less number replaced.....	11
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To be deducted.....	59
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Total Nov. 30, 1895.....	30,889

The new volumes may be classified as follows : General works, 17 ; philosophy, 24 ; theology, 25 ; sociology (including government publication), 107 ; philology, one ; natural science, 19 ; useful arts, 17 ; fine arts (including recreations), 15 ; general literature (poetry, drama, oratory, letters, satire, humor), 100 ; adult fiction, 184 ; juvenile literature, 19 ; travel, descriptive, adventures, 47 ; biography, 90 ; history, 45.

## APPENDIX F.—CIRCULATION OF BOOKS CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECTS.

During the year ending Nov. 30, 1895, 38,830 books were withdrawn for home reading, by months as follows: December, (1894), 3727; January, 4329; February, 3975; March, 4264; April, 3644; May, 2870; June, 2806; July, 2952; August, 219; September, 2677; October, 3347; November, 3920. These volumes are classed and compared with previous years as follows:

	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890
Adult fiction .....	20,909	20,439	19,524	18,768	18,921	17,349
Juvenile literature.....	7,669	8,308	8,014	6,692	6,547	4,634
Miscellaneous literature..	2,345	2,202	2,203	2,032	2,087	2,094
Travels, descriptive, etc.	1,886	2,164	1,970	1,682	2,071	2,508
History.....	1,789	1,666	1,333	1,340	1,506	1,808
Biography.....	1,607	1,168	1,078	1,134	1,421	1,317
Science and arts.....	1,260	1,416	1,040	1,088	876	934
Philosophy & sociology..	521	467	325	320	271	343
Theology.....	424	401	265	376	431	339
Magazines.....	420	334	461	482	515	402
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	38,830	38,565	36,213	33,914	34,646	31,727

The percentage of classes to circulation has been as follows: Adult fiction, 53.54; juvenile literature, 19.75; miscellaneous literature, 6.15; travels and descriptive, 4.83; history, 4.62; biography, 4.14; natural science, useful and fine arts, 3.25; philosophy and sociology, 1.55; theology, 1.09; magazines, 1.08.



## APPENDIX G.—DONATIONS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NOTE. — Acknowledgement of pamphlets include those received to April 20, 1896.

	Books	Pamph
Adams, I. Smith, Milltown, Me.....0		1
American Congregational Association, Boston....0		1
American Humane Association, Chicago.....0		1
American Humanitarian League, Providence.....0		1
American republics, Bureau of.....3		13
Appleton, W. S.....1		0
Balch, E. L., Philadelphia.....1		0
Bartlett, Edmund.....0		1
Boston, city of.....1		0
Brooklyn Ethical Association.....0		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association.....1		0
Cambridge Civil Service Reform Association.....0		1
Chicago civic federation.....0		1
<i>Colleges :</i>		
Amherst.....0		1
Blount, Tenn.....0		1
Dartmouth.....0		1
Harvard University.....1		1
Institute Technology.....0		1
University, Penn.....0		1
Yale University.....0		1
Colonial wars, society of.....0		1
J. J. Currier.....0		5
Cutter, A. E., Boston.....0		1
Emery, S. A.....1		0
Gilman, Miss E. S., Norwich.....0		2
G. A. R., Dept. Mass.....1		0
Herald Publishing Co.....1		0
Institute deaf and dumb, N. Y.....0		1
Indian rights association, Philadelphia.....0		6

	Books	Pamph
Lanier, Mrs. C. ....	1	0
Lytle, J. J., Philadelphia. ....	0	1
Massachusetts, Com. of. ....	10	1
Massachusetts Historical Society. ....	1	0
Massachusetts Society Promoting Agriculture. ....	1	0
Moseley, E. S. ....	1	2
National civil service reform league. ....	0	1
New Jersey, State of. ....	2	0
News Publishing Co. ....	1	0
Newburyport, city of. ....	1	0
Noyes, A. A. ....	1	0
Osgood, A. ....	1	0
Perkins institute for blind. ....	0	1
Pierce Steam Heating Co. Buffalo. ....	1	0
Prince Society, Boston. ....	0	1
Raum, G. E., N. Y. ....	1	0
Remick, J. A., Boston. ....	1	0
Stone, G. F., Chicago. ....	1	0
Toppan, Robert Noxon. ....	0	1
Unknown. ....	5	1
Watkins, W. N., Boston. ....	0	1
Webster, P., Lowell. ....	1	0

*U S. Government :*

Civil service com. ....	2	0
Department agriculture. ....	1	43
*Weather bureau. ....	0	11
Department interior. ....	5	27
Commission of education. ....	2	0
Census bureau. ....	6	0
Geological survey. ....	3	6
Department of labor. ....	3	2
Department of state. ....	0	12
Department of the treasury. ....	2	4
Coast and geodetic survey. ....	2	0
Life saving service. ....	2	0

(Inadvertently omitted from the foregoing list.)

*Library Reports, Bulletins, etc.*

Baltimore, Enoch Pratt free .....	1
Boston, General theological.....	1
Public .....	2
Brookline, “ .....	4
Brooklyn, Mercantile.....	1
Brunswick, Bowdoin college .....	1
Buffalo, Public.....	1
Chicago, “ .....	1
Danvers, Peabody institute .....	1
Georgetown, Peabody.....	1
Helena, Public.....	8
Jersey City, Free public.....	12
Lawrence, Public.....	4
New York, Lenox .....	1
Mercantile.....	1
Newark, Free public .....	1
Newton, “ .....	2
Northampton, Forbes.....	1
Peabody, Peabody institute.....	1
Portland, Me., Public.....	1
Portland, Or., “ .....	8
Providence, Public.....	1
Atheneum.....	6
St. Louis, Mercantile.....	2
San Francisco, Mercantile .....	1
Salem, Public .....	1
Springfield, City.....	1
Syracuse, Central.....	1
Taunton, Public.....	1
Waterbury, Silas Bronson .....	2
Worcester, Free public .....	1





	• Books	Pamph
Department of war.....	10	2
Fish commission.....	3	0
Interstate commerce commission.....	1	0
Smithsonian institution.....	1	12

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\*Also, weather maps.

# Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room

## DAILIES

Newburyport Herald (morning)	Providence Journal (morning)
“ News (evening)	Salem Gazette “
Boston Advertiser (morning)	New York Herald “
“ Herald “	“ Star “
“ Post “	“ Sun “
“ Globe (evening)	“ Times “
“ Journal “	“ Tribune “
“ Transcript “	“ Mail & Express (eve'g)
“ Traveler “	“ Post (evening)
Haverhill Gazette “	Congressional Record, Washingt'n
Lynn Item “	“ World “
Portland Advertiser “	

## SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY

Alta California, San Francisco	Item (weekly) Newburyport
Argonaut, “	Journal of Education, Boston
Bradstreet's, New York	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
Christian Register, Boston	Machinist, New York
Christian Union, New York	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester, N. H.
Chronicle, San Francisco	Nation, New York
Commercial Bulletin, Boston	Nature, London
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.	News, Charleston, S. C.
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.	Observer, New York
Dial, Chicago	Pioneer-Press, Minneapolis, Minn.
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	Punch, London
Electrical World, New York	Republican, Springfield
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver, Colo.
Financial and Commercial Chronicle, New York	Scientific American, New York
Forest and Stream, New York	“ “ (builder's ed.)
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, New York	“ “ Supplement
Gazette, Montreal, Canada	Star, Washington, D. C.
Graphic, London	Times, Philadelphia
Harper's Bazar, New York	Times, London
“ Weekly “	Tribune, Chicago
“ Young People, New York	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas
Herald, Rutland, Vt.	Official Gazette, U. S. patent office
Independent, New York	

## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES

## DOMESTIC

Arena, Boston	Lippincott's Magazine, Phila.
Atlantic Monthly, Boston	Littell's Living Age, Boston
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.	McClure's Magazine, New York
Century, New York	Munsey's Magazine “
Cosmopolitan, New York	Naturalist, Philadelphia
Current Literature “	N. E. Homestead, Springfield
Donahoe's Magazine, Boston	New England Magazine, Boston
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, New York	New World, Boston
Forum, New York	North American, New York
Godey's Ladies' Book, Phila.	Peterson's Magazine, Phila.
Harper's Magazine, New York	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.
Household, Boston	Popular Science Monthly, “
Home Missionary, Boston	Popular Science News
Ladies' Home Journal, Phila.	Review of Reviews, New York
Life, New York	St. Nicholas “

## FOREIGN

Art Journal, London	Good Words, London
Blackwood's, Edinburg	London Quarterly Review
Cassell's Magazine, London	Macmillan's Magazine, London
Contemporary Review “	Nineteenth Century “
Cornhill Magazine “	Strand, London
Edinburg Review, Edinburg	Temple Bar “
English Ill. Magazine, London	Westminster Review, London
Fortnightly Review “	

## Donations to the Reading Room

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Boston Sunday Globe.....	Librarian
Boston Sunday Herald.....	"
Christian Register.....	American Unitarian Association
Christian Science Journal.....	George Morrill
Churchman.....	St. Paul's parish
Congregationalist.....	Rev. J. W. Dodge
Congressional Directory .....	E. S. Moseley
Congressional Record.....	Hon. W. H. Moody
Cook's Excursionist.....	Publishers
Free Russia.....	"
Good Government .....	"
Home Missionary.....	E. S. Moseley
Manifesto.....	Publishers
Newburyport Daily News .....	"
Newburyport Item.....	"
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike
Official Gazette.....	Patent office
Outlook.....	W. W. Goodwin
Science.....	Publishers
Signal Service Weather Maps....	U. S. Department of Agriculture
St. Andrew's Cross.....	St. Paul's parish
Tablet.....	Publishers
Unitarian.....	Mrs. Swasey
Woman's Journal.....	C. K. Whipple







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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
December 14, 1896. }

VOTED, that the report submitted by the book committee, with that of the librarian and those of the building and Peabody fund trustees, be adopted as the annual report of the directors for 1896, and as such be forwarded to the city council, in accordance with the ordinance regulating the same, the librarian being authorized and instructed to append the names of the members of the board.

Attest.

JOHN D. PARSONS, Sec'y.

## TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY—1897.

ANDREW R. CURTIS, MAYOR.

### ALDERMEN :

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JAMES D. LEWIS, A. A. CRABTREE, WILLIAM C. COFFIN.

## DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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JAMES F. CARENS, president of common council.....	
EDWARD S. MOSELEY, trustee of building fund.....	
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LAWRENCE B. CUSHING, " " " .....	
CHARLES C. DAME, term of office expires.....	1897
JOHN E. BAILEY, " " .....	1898
MOSES BROWN, " " .....	1899
RUDOLPH JACOBY, " " .....	1900
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, " " .....	1901
NATHAN N. WITHINGTON, " " .....	1902
ALBERT C. TITCOMB, " " .....	1903

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EXTRA ASSISTANT .....	E. S. THURSTON
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FOR 1897.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:*

The directors of the public library submit their forty-first annual report, and for the details would refer you to the report of the librarian and the statements of the officials having charge of the several funds.

The library has been of increasing usefulness to the people of the city, and this has been appreciated by the public and by the city government which this year made an appropriation, which will greatly increase its value as a library and storehouse of knowledge. Heretofore it has been a mass of books, large, and pretty well selected considering the number and wealth of the community using it, and from which the reader might procure good books if he happened to know that they were there or could find them after searching the annual additions of many years. But such a mass of books is not a proper

library from which one can readily find all the sources of knowledge it contains upon any subject of investigation. Such a library ours will be when the work so happily begun shall have been completed, if the city shall make the appropriation suggested in the librarian's report. This work of classification with the card catalogue will add more to the real value of the library than would the expenditure of several times the cost in books.

We would call attention also to another suggestion of the librarian, which is the rendering accessible to the public the books of reference. This subject was considered by the book committee in the early part of the present year. The committee decided upon what seemed to them the best plan, one convenient to those who should desire to consult the books of reference in the library, and with the least danger of damage or depredation as regards the books. But this plan involved the expenditure of about thirty-five dollars and the committee had no funds for the purpose under their control. In return for the expenditure of this small sum a very material gain to the users of the public library could be secured. It can easily be seen how much more convenient such an arrangement would be in the use made of the few books of reference upon the desks in that part of the Simpson Annex which is open to the public.

We have a large and well selected library for its purpose. Compared with libraries of cities of its population and wealth, or even with many much larger and richer, the Newburyport Public Library is a noble institution, and it should be our endeavor to extend its usefulness to the greatest possible degree. We have done much in this direction the past year. Let us endeavor to do as much in the coming year by completing the arrangement of the books and the card catalogue, and by giving free access to the reference books so that all who wish to consult them shall find no hinderance.

ANDREW R. CURTIS,	}	Directors.
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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Book Committee:*

GENTLEMEN:—This is the 41st annual report of the librarian, showing the state of the public library on November 30, 1896, the close of the library year.

A year ago the number of books on the shelves was 30,889. Since that date there have been added 883 volumes, and 57 have been canceled, 39 of which were not deemed worthy of replacing. There have been lost or are missing 15 volumes. In most of these cases demand by mail addressed to the parties charged with these books are returned endorsed "Can't be found." Nor is the police department any more successful in tracing them, the inference being that they have removed from town. In some instances, as not infrequently happens, books may have been misplaced on the shelves and will later be accounted for in the work of reclassifying. The total number Nov. 30 is thus, 31,731.



The number of books withdrawn during the 11 months that the library was open for that purpose was 38,561. This is a slight falling off from the previous year, 269 copies, but is 2,812 in excess of the average of the six years from 1890 to 1895 inclusive.

The largest per centage of books drawn from the library is that of fiction and juvenile literature, amounting to 74.22 of the whole, or a trifle less than three-quarters. This, however, it may be stated, is somewhat below the average of libraries of the class to which this one belongs. To test the matter I selected the reports of three Essex county libraries at random, and found that their average circulation of this class of literature was 79. As a further test I then took three other reports from institutions widely separated, and obtained the same result, 79. It has come to be accepted as a fact that about three-quarters of the calls for books in popular libraries will be of this order.

There is an element of fallacy, however, in reaching this gauge of public demand, which it is well not to overlook. This lies in the fact that fiction is read more rapidly and turned over more frequently than other literature. To illustrate: it is not extravagant to estimate that a novel reader might devour two

books a week. This means that in 50 weeks such a book a popular story might be taken out 100 times. The reader of another class might require his volume for two weeks. In that case the book could circulate but 25 times in 50 weeks. Multiply by 100 and in the one case the 100 novels would return a circulation of 10,000, or 80 per cent of the whole, the others of 2,500, or 20 per cent, yet in both instances the number of persons using each class has been the same.

During the year 540 new borrowers have qualified, the names of 107 have been erased, leaving the present number of card holders 5700, an increase from 5160 of last year and 4606 of two years ago. In addition to the above 30 teachers in the public schools hold 150 special cards, and 66 High school pupils each a pupil's card, making a total of 5916 accounts.

The library has been open for the withdrawal of books 287 days, and the average circulation has been a fraction above 134, the average for the five previous years having been 126.

After an agitation and discussion of ways and means covering several years, the systematic classification of the books in the library and the preparation of a permanent catalogue is at length well under way. The difficulty was solved by the city council

of the present year making a special appropriation of \$1000 for carrying on the work.

Early in the season the book committee and librarian appeared before the city council committee on finance, presented their case, and asked for an appropriation of \$1500. This sum was based on figures presented for a special cataloguer's salary, for printing a fiction finding-list and on the cost of the cards and furnishings which would be required, all for one year.

The committee decided to recommend that \$1000 be appropriated. By a combination of circumstances that amount proved ample. A cataloguer in every way competent was secured at a less salary than was at first anticipated would be necessary, and the year had nearly one half passed before the work could be started. Consequently the expenditures for this work have so far amounted to but \$630.35, leaving unexpended at the close of the year about \$350. To carry the work through next year will require \$1050, or \$700 over and above what the city signified its willingness to appropriate for one year. This will provide one full year's salary for the cataloguer, for a second cabinet for the card catalogue, the last which will be needed, for printing the fiction catalogue, and leave a small margin for minor contingencies.



As already stated the work of classifying and cataloguing began on May 1, 1896. By Sept. 1, all the works of fiction in the library, as well as books dealing especially with New England history and genealogy, had been collected, classified, labelled and arranged in position, and the cards written and ready for the public.

In the fiction class, there are 2,638 works in 3,429 volumes, and in New England history 654 works in 1,042 volumes. This represents over 14 per cent of the entire library, accomplished in less than four months, while other work was done meanwhile which will not have to be taken up again.

To immediately bring these subjects into use necessitated handling every book in the library in order to separate them from the lot. If another subject was taken up in that way, natural science for instance, all the books in the library not already classified would have to be gone over again, and so on as each class was arranged, until all were eliminated. Having provided for those classes most frequently called for it was deemed best to proceed on different lines, and since September the work has been going on in a manner which, while it does not seem to give such rapid results is really more expeditious. The volumes are now being first classified, the assigned num-



ber being written on the book-plate and shelf list slips written and arranged alphabetically. So far 7,033 volumes, in addition to those enumerated above, have been classified. Three months is the estimated time required for completing this branch of the work, with the exceptions to be noted.

To catalogue these books, write the various cards and arrange them as well as to arrange the books as fast as the classes are completed will take, it is estimated 14 months additional time.

The exceptions noted above relate to government publications. The publications of the government are so multifarious that not many years will have elapsed before a collection of these alone will constitute a mammoth library. They are in the main bulky and demand much shelf space, and as the most of them in a library of this sort are seldom or never consulted, they become so much useless lumber in the course of time.

Of course some of these books are of practical service and are extremely valuable. Such, it would be well to separate from the rest, and give their proper classification. What disposition to make of the others, in short where to draw the line might be made a subject of special consideration. As in each county the government selects one library as a spe-

cial depository where all its publications are put, it never would be difficult to obtain the use of any particular volume that might be called for.

The figures of circulation as given in another part of this report only partially tell of the service the library is affording the public. Of the number of books consulted in the building it is not possible to give the figures. The department of New England history and genealogy especially is in constant use. Of course dictionaries and cyclopedias are in great demand, to say nothing of miscellaneous volumes of all kinds. The work of the library would be broadened if some method could obtain whereby the public might have free access to these classes of books, and in that connection I renew my recommendation of a year ago.

JOHN D. PARSONS,  
Librarian.

## APPENDICES.

### APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

City appropriation.....	\$1,900 00	
From town of Newbury, use of library		
1896 .....	\$150 00	
From dog licenses.....	818 00	
	<u>          </u>	968 00
Total appropriation and income.....		\$2,868 00
Amount undrawn .....		6 52
		<u>          </u>
		\$2,861 48

#### EXPENDITURES.

##### Authorized by the City Council.

Salaries, (including janitor).....	\$2,354 20	
Binding and rebinding books .....	312 18	
Printing and advertising .....	120 00	
Supplies .....	44 05	
Labor .....	25 50	
Expressing .....	5 55	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,861 48

#### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation for new catalogue.....	\$1,000 00	
Undrawn and transferred to incidentals.	351 02	
	<u>          </u>	648 98

#### EXPENDED.

W. A. Herron, services as cataloguer ..	423 75	
Card case, fittings, cards, etc.....	225 23	
	<u>          </u>	\$648 98

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Receipts from fines, etc .....	\$36 03	
Balance from 1895.....	32 54	
	<u>          </u>	68 57

## EXPENDITURES.

Express, freight, truckage.....	11 98	
Rent P. O. boxes, stamps, etc.....	15 20	
Miscellaneous items, expenses, supplies	19 65	
	<hr/>	46 83
Balance.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$21 74



## APPENDIX B.—PEABODY FUND.

Nearly thirty years ago, Mr. George Peabody wishing, as he expressed himself, to mark his memory of the kindness shown to him in early youth while in Newburyport, and of the pleasant relations which have ever since existed with some of its citizens and himself, after inquiry as to what would be most beneficial decided to give \$15,000 to increase the scope and usefulness of the Public Library.

I had the honor of receiving the money and being appointed the treasurer of the fund and have ever since acted in that capacity and as one of the trustees, and it is sad to accord that all who acted with me in that capacity have exchanged worlds,—Caleb Cushing, Henry C. Perkins, Eben F. Stone and Joshua Hale.

The only absolute condition attached to the generous gift of Mr. Peabody was, that an annual report of the condition of the fund and the amount of income derived therefrom should be prepared and published. In accordance, therefore, with Mr. Peabody's request, I hereby give notice, that the original sum of \$15,000 was forthwith deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has ever since remained, the principal to be withdrawn only upon the signature of a majority of the board of trustees of the fund. The income the past year has been six hundred dollars; 196 volumes have been added during the year, and in all 7,954 previously.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

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The condition of the fund, both the receipts and expenditures, on account, has been duly audited and certified to as correct of the fund.

E. S. MOSELEY,  
BENJ. HALE,  
W. H. SWASEY,  
JOHN J. CURRIER,  
L. B. CUSHING.

## APPENDIX C.—BUILDING FUND.

The building fund, being the excess remaining unexpended after the present library building was purchased and provided with the necessary conveniences to render it serviceable, amounting to nearly \$5,000, was immediately deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has ever since remained, the principal only subject to withdrawal upon the order of all the members of the board of trustees.

It will be remembered that this sum arises from the excess over and above the amount subscribed by those interested in the city after the expenditure for the object above named, since which \$4,333.13 has been drawn on account of various repairs and other needed expenses, thereby saving so much to the city treasury, notwithstanding which at the present time the whole amount to the credit of the fund in the Institution for Savings consists of \$6,131.00.

The accounts of receipts and expenditures have been yearly audited, and their correctness certified to on file.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Treasurer.

E. P. DODGE,

L. B. CUSHING.

Newburyport, Dec. 14, 1896.

APPENDIX D.—W. O. MOSELEY FUND.

A new fund for the purchase of books has been made available through the generosity of the late Wm. O. Moseley, whose executors early in 1895 paid into the city treasury the sum of \$10,000, for the benefit of the public library. The fund, which began declaring interest one year ago, will in the future yield \$200 semi-annually. There have been purchased under its provisions during the year past 221 volumes, at a cost of \$345.21 and the November semi-annual interest \$200 is still available.

STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

1895.		
Dec. 3.	Interest to Nov. 1.....	\$200 00
1896.		
May 1.	Six month's interest.....	\$200 00
Nov. 1.	“ “ “ .....	200 00
		<hr/> \$600 00

EXPENDED.

1896.	Purchased 221 books at .....	\$345.21	<hr/> 345 21
	Balance on hand.....	\$254 79	

## APPENDIX E.—TODD FUND.

The city annually allows an income of \$400 from the donation of \$10,000 made to it by Hon. William C. Todd for the maintenance of the free reading room. With this sum there are subscribed for 22 daily newspapers, 50 semi-weekly, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals, 35 domestic magazines and quarterlies and 16 of foreign publication, a total of 123 publications, while over a score of others are received as donations. The amount expended for publications since the last report is \$395.25, for holders \$3.00, making a total of \$398.25.

## MINOR FUNDS.

There have also been purchased from the Sawyer fund income 94 books at a cost of \$103.24, and from the minor funds 37 volumes, including an encyclopædia, at a total of \$122.35.



## APPENDIX F.—LIBRARY INCREASE.

No. of volumes last reported .....	30,830	
Added by purchase 1896 :		
Peabody fund.....	196	
W. O. Moseley fund.....	221	
Todd fund.....	128	
Sawyer fund .....	94	
S. A. Green fund.....	14	
Williams fund.....	10	
Frothingham fund .....	8	
Bradbury fund.....	5	
	<u>676</u>	
Added by donations.....	201	
	<u>877</u>	877
Total new vols .....		<u>31,707</u>
Withdrawn (worn out).....	57	
Lost or missing.....	15	
	<u>72</u>	
Total Nov. 30, 1896.....		31,635

The new volumes are classified as follows: General works, 18; philosophy, 12; theology, 20; social science, 61; philology, 11; natural science, 24; useful and fine arts, 31; general literature, (poetry, drama, oratory, letters) 134; fiction, 224; history, 84; travel, adventure, descriptive, 37; biography, 69; documents and government publications, 152.

## APPENDIX G.—CIRCULATION.

During the year ending Nov. 30, 1896, there were withdrawn from the library for home use 38,561 books, by months as follows: Dec. (1895) 3,492, Jan. 4,096, Feb. 4,007, March 4,446, April 3,691, May 3,052, June 3,117, July 2743, Aug. 158. These volumes are classified and compared with previous years, as follows:

	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890
Fiction { Adult ... }	28,602	20,909	20,439	19,524	18,768	18,921	17,349
{ Juvenile.. }		7,669	8,308	8,014	6,692	6,547	4,634
Travels .....	2,453	1,886	2,164	1,970	1,682	2,071	2,508
Mis. literature....	1,898	2,345	2,202	2,203	2,032	2,087	2,094
History .....	1,839	1,789	1,666	1,333	1,340	1,506	1,808
Biography .....	1,253	1,607	1,168	1,078	1,134	1,421	1,317
Nat. science,use- ful and fine arts }	1,067	1,260	1,416	1,040	1,088	876	934
Magazines .....	588	420	334	461	482	515	402
Philos. and so- cial science .. }	535	521	467	325	320	271	343
Theology .....	326	424	401	265	376	431	339
	<u>38,561</u>	<u>38,830</u>	<u>38,565</u>	<u>36,213</u>	<u>33,914</u>	<u>34,646</u>	<u>31,727</u>

The percentage of classes to circulation was as follows: Fiction (adult English, foreign and juvenile) 74.22; Travel and descriptive, 6.16; Miscellaneous literature, 5; history, 4.87; biography, 3.27; natural science, useful and fine arts, 2.87; magazines, 1.62; philosophy and sociology, 1.47; theology, 52.

## APPENDIX H.—DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Acknowledgement of pamphlets include those received to  
May, 1897.

	Books.	Pamph.
American republics, Bureau of.....	1	0
Amherst college.....	0	1
A. W. Bartlett, W. R. C.....	1	0
Brown, S. N. ....	1	0
Bunker Hill Monument Asso.....	2	0
Cogswell, Hon. W.....	29	0
Crocker, U. H., Boston .....	1	0
Currier, Hon. J. J.....	1	0
Dartmouth College.....	1	0
Harvard University.....	1	1
Davies, T. A.....	1	0
Haskell, G., Ipswich.....	1	0
Hoar, Hon. G. F.....	0	1
Ingraham, Mrs. H. A.....	22	0
Lexington Historical Society.....	0	1
Lord, W. S., Evanston, Ill.,.....	1	0
McCusker, J. E.....	2	0
New York Mail and Express.....	0	1
Massachusetts, Comm. of.....	31	0
Moody, Hon. W. H.....	16	0
Moseley, E. S.....	3	2
Newburyport, City of.....	1	0
Newburyport, 1st church Christ christian science	1	0
Newburyport Herald Co.....	1	0
Parsons, J. D.....	1	0
Perkins Ins. for Blind.....	0	1
Pillsbury, P., Concord, N. H.....	3	0
Sargent, M. H.....	2	0

*Library reports, Publications. etc.*

Baltimore, Enoch Pratt free.....	O	I
Beverly.....	O	I
Boston .....	O	12
Brookline .....	O	I
Brooklyn .....	O	I
Buffalo .....	O	I
Chicago public .....	O	I
Cincinnati .....	O	I
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....	O	I
Fall River .....	O	I
Illinois State .....	O	I
Indianapolis.....	O	I
Jersey City .....	O	13
Lawrence ....	O	5
Minneapolis .....	O	I
New Haven.....	O	I
Newark .....	O	2
New York Public.....	O	4
Peabody, Peabody Institute .....	O	I
Philadelphia .....	O	I
Providence Atheneum.....	O	9
Providence Public.....	O	I
Salem .....	O	2
San Francisco Mercantile.....	O	2
San Francisco Public.....	O	I
Seattle .....	O	I
Springfield, Mass.....	O	I
Syracuse.....	O	I
Waterbury, Bronson.....	O	I
Worcester .....	O	I
University of Pennsylvania.....	O	I
Unknown .....	O	I
Wheelwright, E. M..	I	O



Whipple, C. K.....	0	4
Winthrop, R. C. jr., Boston .....	5	0
Yale University .....	0	1
Zeballos, Hon. E. S., Washington.....	1	0

*U. S. Government publications:*

Bureau of education .....	7	3
Bureau of ethnology .....	1	0
Census bureau.....	10	0
Coast survey .....	1	0
Department of agriculture.....	1	69
Interior.....	0	33
Navy .....	2	0
State .....	18	15
Treasury.....	1	0
War .....	11	1
Fish commission.....	1	1
Life saving service.....	1	0
Labor commission .....	2	5
Patent office.....	0	56
Smithsonian Institution.....	5	0

## Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room.

### DAILIES.

Newburyport Herald (morning).	Portland Advertiser (evening).
“ News (evening).	Providence Journal (morning).
Boston Advertiser (morning).	Salem Gazette “
“ Herald “	New York Herald “
“ Post “	“ Sun “
“ Globe (evening).	“ Times “
“ Journal “	“ Tribune “
“ Transcript “	“ Mail & Express (eve'g).
“ Traveler “	“ Post (evening).
Haverhill Gazette “	“ World (morning),
Lynn Item “	Congressional Record, Washingt'n.

### SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY.

Alta California, San Francisco.	Independent, New York.
Argonaut, “	Item (weekly) Newburyport.
Bradstreet's, New York.	Journal of Education, Boston.
Christian Register, Boston.	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
Christian Union, New York.	Machinist, New York.
Chronicle, San Francisco.	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester,
Churchman.	N. H.
Commercial Bulletin, Boston.	Nation, New York.
Congregationalist.	Nature, London.
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.	News, Charleston, S. C.
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.	Observer, New York.
Dial, Chicago.	Official Gazette, U. S. patent office.
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	Pioneer-Press, Minneapolis, Minn.
Electrical World, New York.	Punch, London.
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.	Republican, Springfield.
Financial and Commercial Chronicle, New York.	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver,
Forest and Stream, New York.	Colo.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, New York.	Scientific American, New York.
Gazette, Montreal, Canada.	“ “ (builders' ed.)
Graphic, London.	“ “ Supplement.
Harper's Bazar, New York.	Star, Washington, D. C.
“ Weekly “	Tablet.
“ Young People, New York.	Times, Philadelphia.
Herald, Rutland, Vt.	Times, London.
Home Missionary.	Tribune, Chicago.
	Unitarian.
	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas.

## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Arena, Boston.	Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia.
Atlantic Monthly, Boston.	Littell's Living Age, Boston.
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.	McClure's Magazine, New York.
Century, New York.	Munsey's Magazine "
Cosmopolitan, New York.	Naturalist, Philadelphia.
Current Literature, New York.	N. E. Homestead, Springfield.
Donahoe's Magazine, Boston.	New England Magazine, Boston.
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, New York.	New World, Boston.
Forum, New York.	North American, New York.
Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia	Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia.
Harper's Magazine, New York.	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.
Household, Boston.	Popular Science Monthly "
Home Missionary, Boston.	Popular Science News "
Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia	Review of Reviews, New York.
Life, New York.	St. Nicholas. "

## FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London.	Good Words, London.
Blackwood's, Edinburg.	London Quarterly Review.
Cassell's Magazine, London.	Macmillan's Magazine, London.
Contemporary Review "	Nineteenth Century "
Cornhill Magazine "	Strand, London.
Edinburg Review, Edinburg.	Temple Bar "
English Ill. Magazine, London.	Westminster Review, London.
Fortnightly Review "	

## Donations to the Reading Room.

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Christian Register.....	American Unitarian Association
Christian Science Journal.....	George Morrill
Churchman.....	St. Paul's parish
Congregationalist.....	Rev. J. W. Dodge
Congressional Directory.....	E. S. Moseley
Congressional Record.....	Hon. W. H. Moody
Cook's Excursionist.....	Publishers
Free Russia.....	"
Good Government.....	"
Home Missionary.....	E. S. Moseley
Manifesto.....	Publishers
Newburyport Daily News.....	"
Newburyport Item.....	"
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike
Official Gazette.....	Patent office
Outlook.....	W. W. Goodwin
Science.....	Publishers
Signal Service Weather Maps.....	U. S. Department of Agriculture
St. Andrew's Cross.....	St. Paul's parish
Tablet.....	Publishers
Unitarian.....	Mrs. Swasey
Woman's Journal.....	C. K. Whipple







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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
December 20, 1897. }

VOTED, that the reports and accompanying papers presented be adopted as the annual report of the directors of the Public library to the city council for 1897, and that the secretary be authorized and instructed to forward the same to the city council, appending thereto the names of the directors.

Attest,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Sec'y.

## TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY—1898.

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GEORGE H. PLUMER, MAYOR.

### ALDERMEN :

CHAS. L. PERKINS, BENJ. P. IRELAND, JERE HEALEY,  
THOMAS HUSE, ABRAM A. CRABTREE, GEO. W. COOPER.

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## DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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GEORGE H. PLUMER, Mayor.....	Ex-officio
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EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Trustee of building fund.....	
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LAWRENCE B. CUSHING, " " " .....	
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MOSES BROWN, " " .....	1899
RUDOLPH JACOBY, " " .....	1900
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, " " .....	1901
NATHAN N. WITHINGTON, " " .....	1902
ALBERT C. TITCOMB, " " .....	1903
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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	EFFIE A. TENNEY
EXTRA ASSISTANT.....	E. S. THURSTON
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JANITOR.....	DEXTER W. NUTTING

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OF THE  
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FOR 1898.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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*To his Honor the Mayor and the City Council:*

The directors of the Public Library submit the following, their forty-second annual report, with the reports of the librarian and of the committees having in charge the several funds.

We are justified in feeling a certain pride in the possession of a public library containing so many and so well-selected books, of a public reading room, the first of its kind, of the handsome building and grounds so accessible and convenient, and in the large, growing and intelligent use of these privileges which is indicated in the accompanying report of the librarian.

The usefulness of the library has been increased, and will be still further increased by the work of cataloguing and rearrangement which is in progress. It is bringing order out of chaos, and of a mass of books whence it was a matter of luck whether one could find what he wanted, or even whether it was on the shelves, it is making a true library, where the reader can readily discover what can be furnished and what not. This is already a great advantage which will be

still greater when the work is finished, especially for those who use the library for gaining knowledge, though it is also a substantial convenience to those who seek entertainment or recreation.

While this is true, it is not all that can be and should be done to make of our public library a radiator of sweetness and light. It is safe to say, that at small outlay, far less than the cost of cataloguing, the beneficial influence of the library as an educational agent could be more than doubled. This should be by establishment of a reference department, where books could be as freely consulted as they would be on the student's own shelves, but not to be taken from the building. Such is the arrangement in nearly all public libraries. That of Lawrence has a reference room with three thousand volumes on its bookshelves, where the student of art, science or history can find the best standard authorities, and can look up a subject in which he is interested at his own convenience, or, if he wish, may have the aid of the librarian. Such should be the arrangement of every library designed for the spread of knowledge, and not merely for entertainment.

Considerable additions have been made to the number of books in the library during the year, as will be seen by the librarian's report, and we believe that the selection of these has been judicious. As is always the case in our own and in all public libraries, a large proportion of the books added has been of works of fiction. But it must be considered that

much the larger part of the reading matter borrowed from the library is fiction, and we have in this department supplied literature at least, and not trash. In regard to this matter we would call attention to what the librarian says of it in his report, in which he seems to take the true view of the subject.

The increasing number of those who use the public library is evidence that it is an institution in which the people of this city are interested, and that they appreciate its privileges and do not grudge its expense. It becomes us, therefore, to endeavor to make it the best possible with the means at our command for use and for delight.

ANDREW R. CURTIS,	}	Directors.
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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Book Committee:*

GENTLEMEN:—The condition of the public library is herewith shown, in this, the 42d annual report of the librarian, for the year ending November 30, 1897.

In the last annual report, the number of books in the library was reported as 31,731. Since that date 51 have been canceled as beyond repair, 37 of which were renewed. Seventeen books are lost or missing. Not unlikely some of them will turn up again, as a book is easily misplaced in the frequent shifting about which a reclassification demands. During the year 824 books have been added, leaving the total, Nov. 30, 1897, at 32 487, shown more in detail in appendix.

The number of books withdrawn for home use during the year was 40,644, the largest circulation in the history of the library. The previous year it was 38,561, but for the first time this summer the circulating department was not closed while the cleaning and renovating was going on. The building was open 307 days, and the average daily circulation was a fraction over 132 copies.



Fiction leads the list, and at about the same proportion as it does in most libraries, strictly public and general, 76 belonging to that class out of every 100 books borrowed. To reduce the percentage of fiction read, and to increase the demand for more instructive literature, is a desideratum and a problem with every librarian, although but few meet with any great degree of success. About the only way to arrive at the result, apparently, is by suppressing or reducing the material demanded by these readers, but by so doing the readers themselves are suppressed.

Last year 238 works of fiction were added to the stock, and there were over 40,000 borrowers, 76 out of each 100, as stated above, demanding light reading. Seven years ago, in 1890, some 150 of such books were bought, were read by 71 out of each 100 readers, of whom there were less than 32,000. The average daily circulation then was 111, that of the last year 132. From these figures in this library, experience has shown that, with the supply of new fiction increased 50 per cent, the proportion of novel readers has increased by but 5 per cent, while the total number of borrowers has grown 25 per cent, making no account of fractions. The argument for a liberal policy in this regard appears to be, therefore, that it brings in more readers, largely so, that more people are brought under the influence of the library and can learn its value and best uses. Unfortunately the adult devourer of novels and tales must be set down as practically incorrigible. He or

she rarely aspires to anything different. With them it is novel or nothing, but for the young their is hope. More than a quarter of the books of all description taken from the library are borrowed by them. The number of these boys and girls has more than doubled during the period under review, and it has been brought about almost entirely from the fact that they are reasonably sure of finding an interesting story when they came in. Ten years ago the policy of the library seemed almost prohibition in supplying the literature they demanded. Today it is liberal without being prodigal.

The rule which applies to adults does not apply to youth. As they grow older they do not make novel reading their business, as far as reading goes, but their recreation. As they advance in their school work they come to appreciate the value of the library as an important adjunct for promoting their knowledge. Some of the most discriminating and intelligent borrowers of books today were reading nothing but stories of boy adventure a half dozen years ago.

This class of literature then may be looked at as an intelligent bait, a legitimate toll. If we waited for a young man or woman who had never used a library public or private to call for "Kant's Critique of Pure Reason," or even John Fiske's congeries of American historical books we would wait until the books had crumbled to dust. It seems to be absolutely necessary for them to arrive at this plane by progressive steps which begin with the adventures of

very remarkable but fictitious, and perhaps impossible boys. This is a condition now well recognized, and the lists of juveniles of all the great publishing houses is not a small proportion of the whole.

These books are not only harmless but are healthy. They are a scientific evolution. Their moral and their lessons are not administered like a bitter pill, illy disguised under a coating of sugar, but are absorbed as is the nourishment from food which tastes good as well as builds up the system. The selection of this literature is conducted with care and discrimination, and I could name a half dozen popular juvenile authors whose books are found in nine public libraries out of every ten, but are not in this library. The reason isn't that they are unfitted or harmful, but because there are others which are superior and will answer the purpose. You can satisfy a boy who calls for a book by A, with giving one by B, on the assurance that he will find it interesting, and he will come again, but try to palm off on him one of the stories our grandparents were afflicted with in childhood, even though it may be dignified by the honorary title of classic, and the chances are you will not see him more than once again, when he returns the book next day, and it doesn't need be much of a mindreader to see that it is your judgment, or good taste or honesty, or perhaps all three that he distrusts.

There are now 6,164 registered borrowers against 5,700 a year ago, a gain of 464. There have been



520 books sent to the bindery for binding or repairs.

The work of reclassifying and recataloguing the library on a modern and scientific basis has been continued during the year, except for a period of six weeks when the cataloguer was compelled to be absent. This of course necessitated one-eighth work less being accomplished than had been anticipated, and a proportionate amount of the special appropriation is thereby unexpended.

At the date of my last report the works of fiction and of New England genealogy and history had been classified and catalogued, 3,292 works in 4,471 volumes. Since that time the balance of the library except public documents, magazines and a few others has been reclassified, 10,203 works, history and travel, have been catalogued as well, the cards written and put in use, and biography is well under way. In history this includes 2,753 volumes, in travels 2,589. In biography 1,339 volumes are complete, and it will probably require two months in which to finish this part of the work. To complete the work as outlined, not reckoning the omissions noted above, will require, as well as can be estimated, the present library year, or till December, 1898.

The work is being done with care and thoroughness and when completed it seems as though little would be left to be desired in a catalogue prepared to show, in a concentrated and practical form not alone what books but what information the library can offer. Perhaps this can best be illustrated



by one or two concrete examples of cards. Take for instance a book entitled "Farthest North, or Life of J. B. Lockwood of Greely Arctic expedition," by C. Lanman. In disposing of this book certain theoretical questions arise as regards the reader's standpoint, how he would approach the subject, and all are answered by the cards. In the first place comes the author, usually and always theoretically the principal entry, and the reader wishing to know what Lanman has contributed will turn to the Ls and under Lanman's name will find the entry of this book, as well as every book by Lanman in the library, grouped around it. The next reader might be specially anxious to learn something of Lockwood simply. He turns to the alphabetical position, and there the book appears under Lockwood's name. The next man may have simply heard of the title of the book, "Farthest North," but is ignorant of the author's name, or what the book treats of except vaguely. He turns to the title entry, the Fs, and finds the book there. Thus if a man knows only one of the three, the author, the subject or the title of the book, he can find it. Usually these three entries suffice, but in this case there is something more. The exhaustive or special reader is remembered. Of necessity this work must contain more or less directly pertaining to Greely. Under the name of Greely, then the book appears for the fourth time, so that everything touching him may be found grouped. There yet remains one more reader to be provided

for, the man interested in Arctic exploration in general. He wants as much on the subject as he can get hold of. If he had never heard of Lanman the author, if he was ignorant that there had ever been a man named Lockwood connected with Arctic exploration, if he overlooked the fact that the name Greely was suggestive, or had yet to learn that there was a book entitled *Farthest North*, he has simply to turn to the letter A and under the entry Arctic regions he will learn of this book as well as of every other one in the library on the same topic. It has taken five cards to point the way and it is not easy to miss it.

One more, briefly: "Life of R. Heber, with journal of tour in Russia and history of Cossacks, by Mrs. Heber." It will be seen at once that this book is somewhat composite in its makeup, and six cards are required. One for the author, Mrs. A. Heber; one for the principal or main subject, Rt. Rev. R. Heber; one for India missions, because a reader might be looking up missions, or missions in India, or India, and not know that Bishop Heber was in anywise connected with them; another card for Russia, geography, description and travels; still another for Cossacks, and finally one for Church of England, because it is advisable to bring together all the available literature on such a subject. If the work seems to advance slowly it is because of the thoroughness with which it is being done, and the care taken to assure permanency. To do this the details are many. In the first place the books all have to be examined

to determine in what class of literature they naturally fall. Generally a brief glance will show this, but often it takes much thought to correctly make the assignment. Again some books will fit two classes equally well, and then it has to be decided in which class it will be more useful to or be more easily found by the larger class of readers. The class and book number must be entered on the plate. The old wrapping paper must be stripped off and a label attached to the back. Next the cards have to be written, anywhere from one to half a dozen or more for each book. A shelf list has to be prepared, a miscellaneous catalogue in condensed form, showing the subjects grouped. Then the choice of position and arrangement on the shelves is often a complex problem, taking into consideration the work which is to follow and the aim that in spite of this complete reorganization no book need be denied to anyone during the turning over process. In my original estimate of the time that would be required I decided that it would take all a cataloguer's time for from two and a half to three years. Eighteen months have so far been given to it, and the rate of progress has been about as anticipated. Miss Heron, in whose charge are the immediate details of the work, has given proof that her selection was a matter of good judgment, and she has applied herself to it with enthusiasm and diligence.

There are some slight material changes in the library which the new system renders necessary—the chang-

ing of one approach to the gallery, the reasons for which have already been pointed out, and the resetting of the three top shelves in the alcoves of the main building. Unlike those in the annex which are adjustable, these shelves are permanently attached to the walls, on the old principle that books should be arranged according to their size, not their contents, putting all the small books on the top shelf and grading down. In this manner the three highest shelves have become of little utility now, and the space should be re-arranged for two.

JOHN D. PARSONS,  
Librarian.



## APPENDICES.

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### APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation.....\$2,250 00

#### CREDITS.

From town of Newbury use of library for		
year 1896.....	\$ 150 00	
For dog licenses.....	788 96	
Bill credited back.....	2 52	
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		941 48
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		\$3,191 48
Amount overdrawn transferred to incident-		
tals to balance account.....		419 68
		<hr/>
		\$3,611 16

#### EXPENDITURES.

Salaries.....	\$2,240 02
Insurance.....	631 88
Janitor.....	273 15
Binding books.....	243 13
Supplies and miscellaneous.....	134 15
Printing.....	88 83
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	\$3,611 16

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION—FOR CATALOGUING.

Appropriation.....	\$1,000 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account.....	164 30
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	\$835 70

## EXPENDITURES.

W. A. Herron.....	\$685 00
News Publishing Co.....	121 80
Library bureau.....	28 90
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	\$835 70

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Receipts from fines.....	\$ 39 20
“ “ finding-lists.....	5 30
Balance form last account.....	21 74
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	\$ 66 24

## EXPENDITURES.

Post Office boxes, stamps etc.,.....	\$ 14 65
Express, freight, truckage.....	18 12
Various supplies.....	17 75
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	11 20
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	61 72
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Balance.....	4 52

## APPENDIX B.—PEABODY FUND.

Through the generosity of Mr. George Peabody the library thirty years ago was endowed with a fund of \$15,000. This amount was paid into my hand and a board of five trustees was at once organized to care for it. The only condition the kind donor attached to his gift was that an annual report of the condition of the fund and the amount of income derived from it should be prepared and published. In accordance, therefore, with Mr. Peabody's request I hereby give notice that the original sum of \$15,000 was deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has since remained, the principal to be withdrawn only upon the signature of a majority of the board of trustees of the fund. The income for the past year has been \$600, balance from preceding year \$729.51, total \$1,329.51. From this there have been purchased since last report 253 volumes at a cost of \$519.97, leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of \$809.54. Since the fund was first made available 8,207 volumes have been added by it to the library.

EDW. S. MOSELEY, Chairman.

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The condition of the fund, both the receipts and expenditures on account have been duly examined and is certified to as correct.

JOHN D. PARSONS.

Newburyport, Dec. 6, 1897.

## APPENDIX C.—BUILDING FUND.

The building fund, being the excess remaining after the library building was purchased and completed, amounting to nearly \$5,000, was immediately deposited in the Institution for Savings, where it has since remained, the principal subject to withdrawal only upon the order of all the members of the board of trustees. From this nucleus, \$4,433.13 has been withdrawn being interest earned, and expended on necessary repairs and improvements to the building, a direct saving of so much money to the city in library maintenance. The sum now standing to the credit of the fund amounts to over \$6,000. During the past year \$80 has been expended, and a balance of \$215.71 is on deposit in the Mechanics Bank.

EDWARD S. MOSELEY, Chairman.

Newburyport, Dec. 18, 1897.



## APPENDIX D.—W. O. MOSELEY FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1897 interest to November 1 .....	\$400 00	
Balance per report .....	<u>345 21</u>	
		\$745 21

## EXPENDED.

1897, purchased 160 books at .....	\$194 92	<u>194 92</u>
Balance .....		\$550 29

## MINOR FUNDS.

Twenty-eight valuable books on New England history or genealogy have been added by the Green fund, at a cost of \$91.60. From the Sawyer fund 103 books costing \$106.52 and from miscellaneous sources 52 books at a cost of \$40.48.

## APPENDIX E.—READING ROOM.

The free reading room, established by Hon. W. C. Todd, is daily visited by an increasing number of readers, both occasional and regular. On its files may be found seven, or a majority of the New York daily papers, seven from Boston, the two local, three from other sections of the county and two from New England at large. Weekly papers, 50 in number, cover all sections of the country, Europe being represented by the London Times, while 30 domestic and 15 foreign magazines and views, give one a complete knowledge of the current literature, from the lightest to the highest. In purchasing these publications the past year \$395.56 has been expended, leaving, with the amount on hand from last year, a balance of \$6.19.

## APPENDIX F.—LIBRARY INCREASE.

No. of volumes last reported.....	31,635	
Added by purchase 1897:		
Peabody fund.....	257	
W. O. Moseley fund.....	160	
Sawyer fund.....	103	
Todd fund.....	85	
S. A. Green fund.....	28	
Frothingham fund.....	21	
Bradbury fund.....	19	
Williams fund .....	12	
Miscellaneous.....	11	
	—	
	696	
Added by donations.....	128	
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Total new volumes.....	824	824
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		32,459
Withdrawn as worn out.....	51	
Lost or missing.....	17	
	—	
		68
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Total, Nov. 30, 1897.....		32,391

The new volumes are classified as follows: General works, 21; philosophy, 7; theology, 12; social science, (which includes public documents) 110; natural science, 36; useful arts, 31; fine arts, 16; Miscellaneous literature (poetry, oratory, letters, etc.,) 105; fiction, adult and juvenile, 238; travel and descriptive, 58; biography, 90; foreign history, 21; American history, 79.

## APPENDIX G.—CIRCULATION.

During the year ending Nov. 30, 1897, there were withdrawn for home use 40,644 books, by months as follows: Dec. (1896,) 3,687; January, 4,133; February, 3,797; March, 4,194; April, 3,443; May, 3,200; June, 2,891; July, 3,019; August, 2,395; September, 2,739; October, 3,400; November, 3,746. These volumes, classified and compared with previous years are as follows:

	1897.
Fiction, adult and juvenile.....	30,906
History.....	2,504
Miscellaneous literature.....	1,814
Magazines.....	1,370
Travels.....	1,291
Natural science, useful and fine arts....	1,103
Biography.....	847
Philosophy and sociology.....	554
Theology.....	255
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	40,644

The percentage of classes to circulation is as follows: Fiction, (adult English and foreign, juvenile,) 74; history, 6.1; miscellaneous, 4.5; magazines, 3.4; travels, 3.2; natural science, useful and fine arts, 2.7; biography, 2; philosophy and social science, 1.4; theology, 7.



## APPENDIX H.—DONATIONS OF BOOKS.

(To June 1, 1898.)

VOLS.

Andover, Town of.....	1
Appleton, W. S.....	1
Baker, W. H.....	1
Bath Corporation.....	1
Boynton, E. M.....	2
Brown, J. T.....	1
Caldwell, Miss.....	3
Cambridge W. C. T. U.....	1
Chase, W. G.....	2
Cogswell, Mrs.....	1
Con. Coal Co.....	1
Curzon, M. R.....	2
Cushing, L. B.....	1
Dame, C. C.....	5
Davis, B. P.....	1
Fitchburg, City of.....	1
Gardner, E. C.....	1
Hale, Joshua.....	1
Harvard University.....	2
Johnson, R.....	1
Larned, A.....	1
Little, J.....	1
Lowell, Mr.....	1
McCully, Rev. O. G.....	1
Massachusetts, Com. of.....	27
Maynard, C. J.....	1
Merchant, Mrs. E. A.....	4
Moody, Hon. W. H.....	18
Moseley, E. S.....	2
Munn & Co.....	1
Newburyport, City of.....	2
Newburyport, 1st Church Christian Science.....	1
Newburyport Herald Co.....	2
Newburyport News Pub. Co.....	2

	VOLS.
New Jersey, State of.....	1
New York State Library.....	1
Parsons, J. R.....	1
Pearson, Mrs. E. A.....	1
Pope, L. A.....	1
Pratt, F. S. and C. H.....	1
Stokes, A. P.....	1
Stone, G. F.....	2
Todd, W. C.....	1
Towle Mfg. Co.....	1
Tupper, F. A.....	1
Unknown.....	9
Very, L. L. A.....	1
Walker, J. B.....	1
Webb, W. H.....	2
Winthrop, R. C.....	1
Yale University.....	1

*U. S. Government publications:*

Bureau of education.....	4
Bureau of ethnology.....	4
Bureau of statistics.....	1
Census bureau.....	5
Coast survey.....	2
Geological survey.....	4
Department of agriculture.....	5
Interior.....	1
Navy.....	2
Treasury.....	3
War.....	10
Fish commission.....	6
Interstate commission.....	1
Life saving service.....	1
Labor commission.....	3
Patent office.....	6
Smithsonian Institution.....	7

## Publications in Newburyport Free Reading Room.

### DAILIES.

Newburyport Herald (morning).	Portland Advertiser (evening).
“ News (evening).	Providence Journal (morning).
Boston Advertiser (morning).	New York Herald “
“ Herald “	“ Sun “
“ Post “	“ Times “
“ Globe (evening).	“ Tribune “
“ Journal “	“ Mail & Express (eve'g).
“ Transcript “	“ Post (evening).
“ Traveler “	“ World (morning).
Haverhill Gazette “	Congressional Record, Washingt'n.
Lynn Item “	

### SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY.

Alta California, San Francisco.	Independent, New York.
Argonaut, “	Item (weekly) Newburyport.
Bradstreet's, New York.	Journal of Education, Boston.
Christian Register, Boston.	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
Chronicle, San Francisco.	Machinist, New York.
Churchman.	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester, N. H.
Commercial Bulletin, Boston.	Nation, New York.
Congregationalist.	Nature, London.
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.	New Century, N. Y.
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.	News, Charleston, S. C.
Dial, Chicago.	Observer, New York.
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	Official Gazette, U. S. patent office.
Electrical World, New York.	Outlook, N. Y.
Engineering and Mining Journal, New York.	Pioneer-Press, Minneapolis, Minn.
Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.	Punch, London.
Financial and Commercial Chron- icle, New York.	Republican, Springfield.
Forest and Stream, New York.	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver, Colo.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated News- paper, New York.	Scientific American, New York.
Gazette, Montreal, Canada.	“ “ (builders' ed.)
Graphic, London.	“ “ Supplement.
Harper's Bazar, New York.	Tablet.
“ Weekly “	Times, Philadelphia.
“ Young People, New York.	Times, London.
Herald, Rutland, Vt.	Tribune, Chicago.
Home Missionary.	Universal Brotherhood.
	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas.

## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES.

## DOMESTIC.

Arena, Boston.  
 Atlantic Monthly, Boston.  
 Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, O.  
 Century, New York.  
 Cosmopolitan, New York.  
 Current Literature, New York.  
 Donahoe's Magazine, Boston.  
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly,  
     New York.  
 Forum, New York.  
 Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadelphia.  
 Harper's Magazine, New York.  
 Household, Boston.  
 Home Missionary, Boston.  
 Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia  
 Life, New York.

Lippincott's Magazine, Philadel-  
     phia.  
 Littell's Living Age, Boston.  
 McClure's Magazine, New York.  
 Munsey's Magazine, "  
 Naturalist, Philadelphia.  
 N. E. Homestead, Springfield.  
 New England Magazine, Boston.  
 New World, Boston.  
 North American, New York.  
 Peterson's Magazine, Philadelphia.  
 Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.  
 Popular Science Monthly, "  
 Popular Science News, "  
 Review of Reviews, New York.  
 St. Nicholas, "

## FOREIGN.

Art Journal, London.  
 Blackwood's, Edinburg.  
 Cassell's Magazine, London.  
 Contemporary Review, "  
 Cornhill Magazine, "  
 Edinburg Review, Edinburg.  
 English Ill. Magazine, London.  
 Fortnightly Review, "

Good Words, London,  
 London Quarterly Review.  
 Macmillan's Magazine, London.  
 Nineteenth Century, "  
 Strand, "  
 Temple Bar, "  
 Westminster Review, "



## Donations to the Reading Room.

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Christian Register.....	American Unitarian Association
Christain Science Journal.....	George Morrill
Churchman.....	St. Paul's parish
Congregationalist.....	Rev. J. W. Dodge
Congressional Directory.....	E. S. Moseley
Congressional Record.....	Hon. W. H. Moody
Cook's Excursionist.....	Publishers
Free Russia.....	"
Good Government.....	"
Home Missionary.....	E. S. Moseley
Manifesto.....	Publishers
Newburyport Daily News.....	"
Newburyport Item.....	"
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike
Official Gazette.....	Patent office
Outlook.....	W. W. Goodwin
Science.....	Publishers
Signal Service Weather Maps.....	U. S. Department of Agriculture
St. Andrew's Cross.....	St. Paul's parish
The New Century.....	Mrs. C. Tingley
Universal Brotherhood.....	"
Woman's Journal.....	C. K. Whipple











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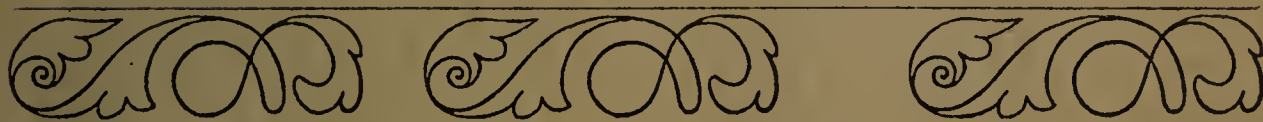
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IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }  
December 19, 1898. }

VOTED, that the report presented be accepted and adopted as the annual report of the board for 1897; that the librarian's report be accepted and incorporated with the above, that the names of the directors be signed by the librarian and that the whole be transmitted to the city council.

Attest,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Sec'y.



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ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK “ “ “ .....1904  
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## Report of the Directors

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*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council :*

The directors of the public library submit their forty-third annual report, with the reports of the librarian and of the committees having in charge the expenditure of the income from the several funds of which the library is beneficiary.

It will be seen by the figures of the librarian's report that the people of this city appreciate, and avail themselves of, the advantages of this institution, inasmuch as the number of borrowers of books has increased, and the number of books taken is also larger than ever before. Substantial additions have been made to the library, and the selection of books has been, we believe, as good as could have been made under the conditions. A great improvement has been effected in the entrance hall, reading room, directors' room, and that of the superintendent of the reading room, the expense having been defrayed by the building fund. This improvement has given a much neater and more cheerful aspect to the rooms on the lower floor of the library building. The work of cataloguing the books is getting on toward daylight, and for the more common use of readers is already complete.

The facilities for such readers as wish to take books home to read for improvement or pleasure, are already very satisfactory, and will be excellent when the work of cataloguing is finished. There is variety, and there is abundance for the increase of knowledge or for literary delight ; but there is one serious defect, the remedy for which is suggested in the librarian's report. Under our present management one class only is served of those to whom the library might be a help. The class which wants some special book, or some special kind of book, is served. To the mechanic or inventor, who wants information on some subject

relating to his art, to the student of history or politics or finance or indeed to the specialist in almost any department, who desires to investigate a subject, the library is but of little use. Such an one does not need any book to read through, but to consult many, and this is impracticable where there is not a large and well selected reference department. Instead of this, we have a few dictionaries and atlases and encyclopædias open to the free use of all, while the mass of books is on shelves, railed away from the public, and only accessible by calling for them separately from the librarian and his assistants.

A library should be for use and instruction, as well as for pleasure, and at least half its benefit is lost if it be used merely for delight. This is so obviously true that it has been recognized by the management of most public libraries, which commonly have a large reference department, or free access is granted to all the books, and this plan is found to be advantageous, and to enlarge the usefulness of the institution. It is what we hope to bring about in the near future in our own public library.

Ours is one of the oldest, and for the population which uses it, one of the best and best endowed institutions of its kind. It has been liberally supported and freely used by the city and the people. We should make the most of it, and extend its usefulness to the utmost.

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## Report of the Librarian

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*To the Board of Directors :*

GENTLEMEN :—In this, the 43d annual report of the condition of the public library, for the year ending November 30, 1898, I have the honor of submitting the following :

At the beginning of the library year there were on the shelves 32,511 books. Since that time 55 volumes have been withdrawn as defective and unfit for service, of which 25 were subsequently renewed. Nine books loaned have not been recovered, mainly on account of the drawers removing from town, one was lost but replaced by the person at fault, and 750 new volumes have been added to the permanent stock of the library, making the total number 33,222 volumes.

The number of books withdrawn for home use during the year was 42,634, an increase from 40,644 of the previous year. In fact it is gratifying to state in this connection that the increase in the circulation of books has been in an uninterrupted progression for the past five years, and the number now annually issued is more than 25 per cent above what it then was.

The library was opened for the delivery of books 305 days during the year, all save legal holidays, and the average daily circulation was a small fraction less than 140, ranging from 347, the highest, February 19, down to 29, the lowest, on the first of the same month, the date of the great storm.

Of course fiction (including juvenile and adult) leads in circulation as usual, 76.9 out of every 100 books, practically the same as during the preceding year. The library furnishes however the best in fiction, or at least its policy is to eschew the

cheaper as far as possible and to buy only such books as have a literary worth.

There are now 6734 registered borrowers, an increase of 559 during the year, besides there are 165 teachers' cards held by 33 public school teachers and 35 High school pupil cards

Work on the new card catalogue has recently been renewed. Owing to the illness of Miss Herron, the original cataloguer, she was forced to resign during the past summer and for four months the work was at a standstill. Through her efforts the classification of that portion of the library which it was decided to take in hand at the outset (all books save magazine literature and government publications) was thoroughly accomplished, and the work of preparing the catalogue was about three-fourths completed.

I cannot speak too highly of her qualifications for the undertaking and of her adaptability to this peculiar kind of library work, for which she had prepared herself by special training. Her withdrawal, when she had all the little details well in hand and was thus the better equipped for rapid progress and an early completion of the task, is greatly to be regretted.

When the subject of thus modernizing the library was first seriously discussed it was estimated that the expense of such would be about \$4500, reckoning on 30,000 volumes, by the usual methods of estimating the cost of this sort of work. Later by closer figuring, this amount was reduced to about \$3000, and three years was considered as approximately the time necessary for carrying out the work, by one who had come to be familiar with it. This estimate has not been materially changed.

Work was begun in May 1896 and two and a half years have elapsed. During this time owing to interruptions voted, Miss Herron worked but 24 1-4 months exclusive of vacations. The special appropriations made by the city council have aggregated \$2850 and of this amount but \$2023.86 has been expended, the balances having been transferred.

To complete the work and bring the library up to a satisfactory condition, one that will be permanent in this particular, I think one year's further time is necessary under the circumstances, and that the sum of \$900 should be asked for as a special appropriation. That will include the cataloguer's salary for the

time, the expense of a second card cabinet which was included in the original estimate and which will soon become a necessity as the work advances, and leave about \$50 for equipments and necessary catalogue stationery.

At this date all the works in the library aside from magazines and government publications have been classified, that is have been marked for their future positions. Works of fiction, of history, geography, travel and adventure, of biography, and of social science have been fully catalogued and the cards are exposed to the public in the card catalogue. Books on natural science, useful arts and fine arts are practically finished. After revision and some expansion of the cards they will be ready, and will be with the others in the cabinet about the first of February.

This will leave principally to be taken up books on theology, philosophy and general topics not sufficiently specialized to go into any of the nine principal classes. After that comes general revision and the selection of certain government publications.

Revision and extension, i. e. the preparation of cross-reference and analytical cards can be carried to almost an indefinite extent, the resources of the library being brought the more in hand and pointed out the better to the public, if it is not overdone. A card catalogue is so elastic and is capable of such expansion that it is possible to overdo this work and make it confusing by its intricacies, which, although it might be a joy forever to the technically educated in library economics, might repel the ordinary user of the library who comes for information aside from that concerning the possibilities of a catalogue.

But there is a happy medium, and that is being arrived at—the ability to tell a reader quickly and concisely all that he can find in the library on the topic in which he is interested, without assuming that he must first know the title of a particular book or author before he can receive any assistance, as was too often the old fashioned way.

Before passing from this subject it may be well to allude to the fact that a somewhat difficult problem has been successfully solved, how to make this radical change in the library without depriving anyone for a single day of any of its privileges. It has rarely happened that a person has suffered the slightest delay arising from the confusion of such a radical change, which has



been made systematically, and any little annoyances by those in search of information outside the beaten tracks (such only could be affected) have been cheerfully accepted in consideration of what was being accomplished.

There is one more important modification in the economy of this library which must be effected before it reaches that plane of usefulness which it should occupy in order to keep abreast of similar institutions, and that is the establishment of a reference department.

There are hundreds of books which should be brought so directly before the public that readers could obtain them with as little difficulty as they procure the current magazines from the reading room tables. They are books which one would not wish to take from the library but simply consult for a few moments, such as cyclopedias. to give the most striking example. In this class of reference books there are hundreds of valuable volumes which unless so presented are practically buried in the library. A man will scan the titles of a score of books, take down a half dozen for a glance and at last find what he wishes. who could gain but little information from the finest catalogue that ever was written, or who would shrink from asking at the desk for one after another of these usually ponderous volumes to be brought from the shelves for him to simply glance at.

Moreover the question of time is important. It takes but a few moments for a man to look over several books if no intervention is necessary, and the more familiar he becomes with the reference library the less time is used in arriving at his object. In the main delivery room of the library, under the new arrangement there is no space available for such a reference department, and if there were its utility and convenience could not compare with one on the ground floor.

If it were thought best there are the two rooms on the north side of the main building which might be used, for some years past occupied by the historical society. Its tenancy is simply an act of courtesy on the part of this board and could be vacated at any time if the further usefulness of the library required. Certainly the whole subject is worthy of special consideration and decided action. The first was accorded it some years ago but the latter has not followed.



As a partial or temporary solution of this need I strongly urge that, under proper restrictions, the public be admitted freely to the alcoves of the library, those of fiction excepted, whenever that privilege is requested, and that proper notification of its existence be made. This is no novelty. It has been in operation for several years in a large number of libraries throughout the country, and, if my memory is correct, I think that only one has ever gone back to the old method after trying the new.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PARSONS, Librarian.

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Appropriation (1898) .....\$2,000 00

### CREDITS

For dog licenses.....	\$700 12	
From town of Newbury, use of library for year 1897.....	150 00	
	<u>          </u>	850 12
Total appropriation and income .....		\$2,850 12
Amount overdrawn transferred from incidentals to balance account.....		556 81
		<u>          </u>
		\$3,406 93

### EXPENDITURES

Authorized by the City Council.

John D. Parsons, services as librarian.....	\$1,200 00	
Martha P. Lunt, services as superintendent of reading room .....	521 08	
Effie A. Tenney, services as assistant librarian ..	400 04	
E. S. Thurston, services at library... ..	149 02	
Jackson Express Co., express.....	5 95	
Newburyport Herald Co., printing and advertis- ing .....	38 95	
Brewster Bros., premium on insurance policy....	82 50	
D. W. Nutting, labor and extra services in con- nection with reclassifying .....	25 00	
William T. Humphreys, premium on insurance policy .....	28 13	
Almeda Perkins, labor cleaning library.....	20 00	
Newburyport Despatch, express .....	1 40	
Chase & Lunt, premium on insurance policy ...	93 75	
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$2,565 82	\$3,406 93

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$2,565 82	\$3,406 93
Library Bureau, sundries .....	34 82	
Boston Bookbinding Co., binding books .....	112 67	
John E. Bailey, stock and labor .....	62 55	
P. H. Blumpey, sundries .....	3 20	
McGlew Bros., one furnace bar .....	1 50	
C. R. Sargent, repairs .....	7 90	
Watering streets, sprinkling streets for year 1898	7 86	
Estate N. Varina, 34 tons, 1160 lbs. broken coal at \$5.40 .....	186 39	
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books .....	119 58	
D. W. Nutting, salary as janitor one year .....	298 64	
George E. Pearson, labor .....	1 00	
Cornelius Sullivan " .....	1 00	
John Pollard " .....	1 00	
Matthew Barrett " .....	1 00	
Cornelius Kelleher " .....	1 00	
Timothy Coffey " .....	1 00	
	—	<u>\$3,406 93</u>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY (SPECIAL)

Appropriation (for new catalogue) .....	\$850 00
Amount undrawn transferred to incidentals to balance account	310 82
	<u>\$539 18</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Authorized by the City Council.

Winifred A. Herron, services as cataloguer .....	\$485 34
A. M. Goodell " " " .....	53 84
	<u>\$539 18</u>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Receipts from fines .....	\$26 50
Sale of fiction finding-lists .....	2 50
Balance from 1897 .....	4 52
	<u>\$33 52</u>

## EXPENDITURES

P. O. boxes and stamps .....	\$10 30
Various supplies .....	7 10
Express, freight, truckage .....	10 30
	<u>30 80</u>
Balance .....	<u>\$2 72</u>

## APPENDIX B.—W. O. MOSELEY FUND

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December 31, 1897, balance in hand .....	\$550 29	
November 1, 1898, income for year ... ..	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 25
1898, by books purchased .....	341 00	
	<hr/>	609 25
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## OTHER FUNDS

Sixty-five books at a cost of \$56.59 have been added from the income of the Sawyer fund, and 53 from miscellaneous sources at a cost of \$48.00.



APPENDIX C—READING ROOM

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The free reading room has come to be such an important part of the life of Newburyport, that it is almost superfluous to say a word in its praise. Its popularity as a resort for readers of the press and of the magazines of the day seems to increase each year, and at times the seating capacity of the room, generous though it is, is hardly sufficient for all who would spend an hour there. During the past year the room has been renovated, the ceiling and walls given a soft and agreeable tint, and the artificial light at night greatly improved. The papers and magazines vary but slightly from year to year, although during the past 12 months two or three have ceased publication. The income of Mr. Todd's donation is \$400 annually, and of this \$384.57 has been expended the past year for papers and magazines.

## APPENDIX D.—LIBRARY INCREASE

Number of volumes last reported (corrected).....	32,511	
Added by purchase 1898:		
Peabody fund.....	217	
W. O. Moseley fund.....	189	
Todd fund .....	83	
Sawyer fund ..	65	
Bradbury fund .....	20	
Williams fund .....	16	
Frothingham fund .....	15	
Green fund .....	3	
	<u>608</u>	
Added by donations.....	142	
	<u>—</u>	750
		<u>33,261</u>
Worn out copies canceled .....	55	
Missing from shelves ...	9	
	<u>64</u>	
Replaced .....	25	
	<u>—</u>	39
Total November 30, 1898.....		<u>33,222</u>

The new volumes are classified as follows: General works, 16; philosophy, 7; theology and religion, 18; social science, 119; philology, 1; natural science, 22; useful arts, 14; fine arts, 23; miscellaneous literature (poetry, essays, humor, etc.) 116; adult fiction, 176; juvenile, 44; travel, adventure, description, 54; biography, 67; American history, 46, other history, 27.

# APPENDIX E.—CIRCULATION

Total for the year, 42,634. By months : December (1897) 3841 ; January 4302, February 4037, March 4607, April 4249, May 3208, June 2838; July 3021, August 2763, September 2839, October 3530, November 3399.

Divided into classes the circulation was as follows :

	Per centage.
Fiction.....32,781	76.9
History ..... 2,066	4.8
Biography ..... 1,540	3.6
Miscellaneous literature ..... 1,518	3.5
Travel and adventure.. ..... 1,282	3.
Magazines ..... 1,229	2.8
Natural science..... 654	1.5
Social science ..... 497	1.1
Fine arts ..... 433	1.
Theology..... 286	.95
Useful arts ..... 254	.65
Philosophy .... 88	.2
42,634	100.00

## APPENDIX F.—DONATIONS OF BOOKS

	VOLS.
Andover, town of .....	I
Appleton, B. A .....	I
Blodgette, G. B .....	I
Boynton, E. M .....	2
Bunker Hill Monument Association .....	I
Brown, J. T .....	I
Caldwell, S. estate of .....	I
Cambridge Woman's Christian Temperance Association .....	I
Cambridge, city of .....	I
Cartland, J. estate of .....	4
Chase, W. G .....	I
Chelsea, city of .....	I
Cogswell, Mrs. W. E. ....	I
Cornell University .....	I
Cross, C. R .....	I
Dodge, E. P .....	I
Fitchburg, city of .....	I
Harvard University .....	I
Hawaiian government .....	I
Jarvis, J. G .....	3
Langdon, Mrs. G. W .....	10
Larned, Augusta .....	I
Lowell, Mr .....	I
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of .....	24
Moseley, E. S .....	I
New York Reform club .....	I
Newburyport, city of .....	I
Newburyport City Improvement Society .....	I
Newburyport News .....	I
Newburyport Towle Manufacturing Co .....	2
Olmstead, D. H .....	I
Palmer, Mrs. C. F .....	I
Stanley, B. F .....	3

*U. S. Government :*

Census bureau .....	I
Civil service commission .....	I
Department of agriculture .....	9
"    " Interior .....	I
"    " Navy .....	I
"    " War .....	5
Education bureau .....	3



Fish commission .....	2
Interstate commerce commission .....	2
Labor commission .....	1
Life saving service .....	1
Smithsonian institution .....	3
Unknown sources .....	7
Walker, J. B. ....	1
Whymper, E. ....	1
McCormick, Mrs. C. H., bronze statue.	

## Publications in the Newburyport Free Reading Room

### DAILIES

Newburyport Herald (morning).	Lynn Item (evening).
“ News (evening).	Portland Advertiser (evening).
Boston Advertiser (morning).	Providence Journal (morning).
“ Herald “	New York Herald “
“ Post “	“ Sun “
“ Globe (evening).	“ Times “
“ Journal (evening).	“ Tribune “
“ Transcript (evening).	“ Mail & Express (eve'g).
“ Traveler “	“ Post (evening).
Chicago Times-Herald (evening).	“ World (morning).
Haverhill Gazette (evening).	Congressional Record, Washingt'n

### SEMI-WEEKLY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY

Alta California, San Francisco.	Herald, Rutland, Vt.
Argonaut, “ “	Home Missionary.
Bradstreet's, New York.	Independent, New York.
Christian Register, Boston.	Item (weekly) Newburyport.
Christian Science Sentinel, Boston	Journal of Education, Boston.
Christian Science News Letter,	Journal, Kansas City, Mo.
Washington.	Machinist, New York.
Chronicle, San Francisco.	Mirror and Farmer, Manchester,
Churchman.	N. H.
Commercial Bulletin, Boston.	Nation, New York.
Congregationalist.	National Engineer, Chicago.
Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.	Nature, London.
Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.	New Century, N. Y.
Dial, Chicago.	News, Charleston, S. C.
Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	Observer, New York.
Electrical World, New York.	Official Gazette, U. S. patent office.
Engineering and Mining Journal,	Outlook, N. Y.
New York.	Pioneer-Press, Minneapolis, Minn.
Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio.	Punch, London.
Financial and Commercial Chron-	Republican, Springfield.
icle, New York.	Rocky Mountain Weekly, Denver,
Forest and Stream, New York.	Colo.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated News-	Scientific American, New York.
paper, New York.	“ “ (builders' ed)
Gazette, Montreal, Canada.	“ “ Supplement.
Graphic, London.	Times, London.
Harper's Bazar, New York.	Tribune, Chicago.
“ Weekly, New York.	Universal Brotherhood.
“ Young People, New York	Weekly News, Galveston, Texas.

## MAGAZINES AND QUARTERLIES

## DOMESTIC

Arena, Boston.	Life, New York.
Atlantic Monthly, Boston.	Lippincott's Magazine, Philadel- phia.
Bibliotheca Sacra, Oberlin, Ohio.	Littell's Living Age, Boston.
Century, New York.	McClure's Magazine, New York.
Cosmopolitan, New York.	Munsey's Magazine, " "
Current Literature, New York.	Naturalist, Philadelphia.
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, New York.	N. E. Homestead, Springfield.
Forum, New York.	New England Magazine, Boston.
Godey's Ladies' Book, Philadel- phia.	New World, Boston.
Harper's Magazine, New York.	North American, New York.
Household, Boston.	Political Science Quarterly, N. Y.
Home Missionary, Boston.	Popular Science Monthly, "
Ladies' Home Journal, Philadel- phia.	Popular Science News, "
	Reviews of Reviews, New York.
	St. Nicholas, New York.

## FOREIGN

Art Journal, London.	Good Words, London.
Blackwood's Edinburg.	London Quarterly Review.
Cassell's Magazine, London.	Macmillan's Magazine, London.
Contemporary Review, London.	Pall Mall Gazette.
Cornhill Magazine, London.	Nineteenth Century, London.
Edinburg Review, Edinburg.	Strand, London.
English Ill. Magazine, London.	Temple Bar, London.
Fortnightly Review, "	Westminster Review, London.

## DONATIONS TO THE READING ROOM

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Christian Register .....	American Unitarian Association
Christian Science Journal.....	George Morrill
Christian Science News Letter .....	Christian Science Sunday School
Christian Science Sentinel.....	" " " "
Churchman .....	St. Paul's parish
Congregationalist .....	Rev. J. W. Dodge
Congressional Directory .....	E. S. Moseley
Congressional Record .....	Hon. W. H. Moody
Cook's Excursionist .....	Publishers
Free Russia .....	"
Good Government. ....	"
Home Missionary .....	E. S. Moseley
Journal of Zoophily .....	Publishers
Manifesto .....	"
National Engineer.....	Charles Desmond
Newburyport Daily News .....	Publishers
Newburyport Item .....	"
New York Observer.....	Hon. John N. Pike
Official Gazette .....	Patent office
Outlook.....	W. W. Goodwin
Science ...	Publishers
Signal Service Weather Maps.....	U. S. Department of Agriculture
St. Andrew's Cross .....	St. Paul's parish
The New Century.....	Mrs. C. Tingley
Universal Brotherhood .....	" "
Woman's Journal.....	C. K. Whipple







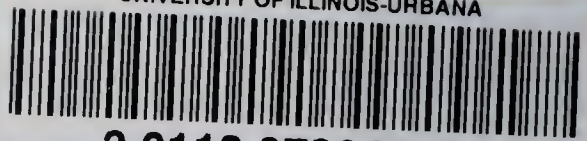








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